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During the fight to save the Nagatsuki Dowry from execution, the leader of the Yachimata clan revealed his involvement with the paper umbrellas, inciting chaos among the houses. In the aftermath, Hyoma and the others are left to pick up the pieces, and at long last, they learn the truth about how Botan became a yorimashi, housing the living god within her. Unfortunately, there's no respite from the fight as the paper umbrellas launch another all-out attack. There's only one Saenome who can help turn the tide of the battle—someone from the disgraced Yachimata clan!



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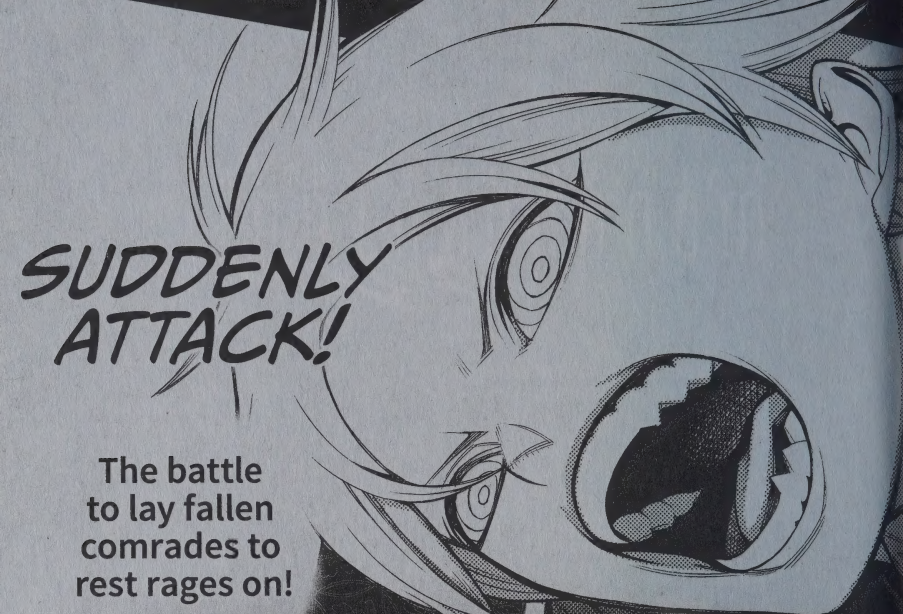
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**SUDDENLY
ATTACK!**

The battle
to lay fallen
comrades to
rest rages on!

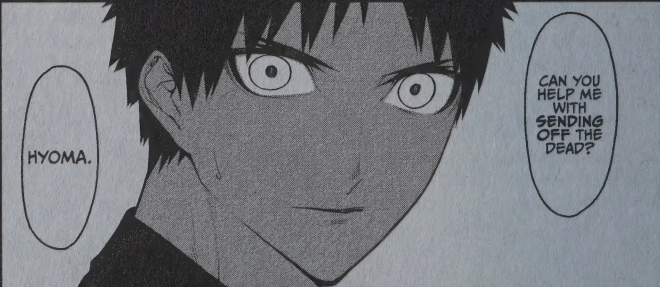
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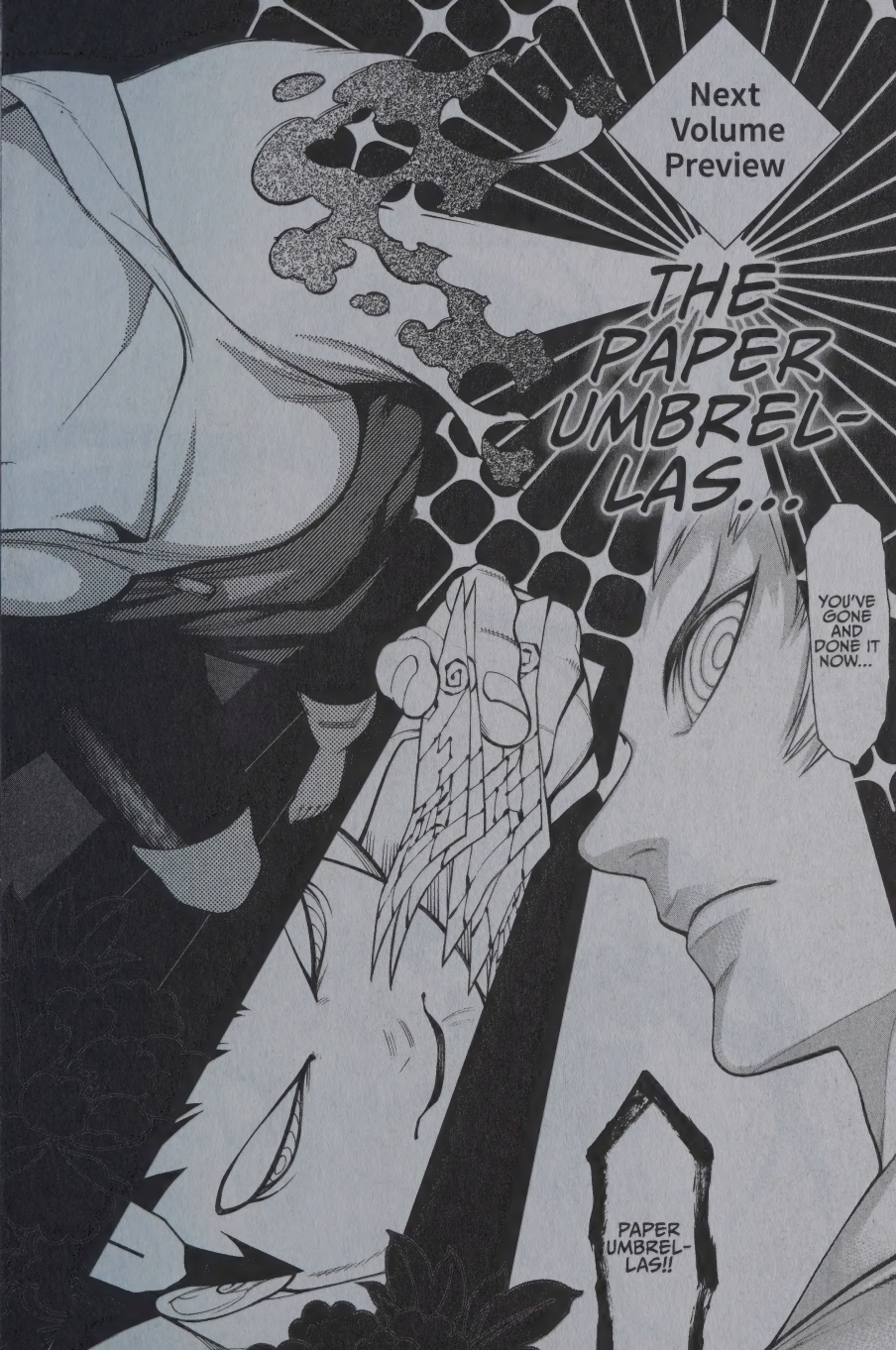
Coming Soon!

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HYOMA.

CAN YOU
HELP ME
WITH
SENDING
OFF THE
DEAD?



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THE PAPER UMBREL- LAS...

YOU'VE
GONE
AND
DONE IT
NOW...

PAPER
UMBREL-
LAS!!







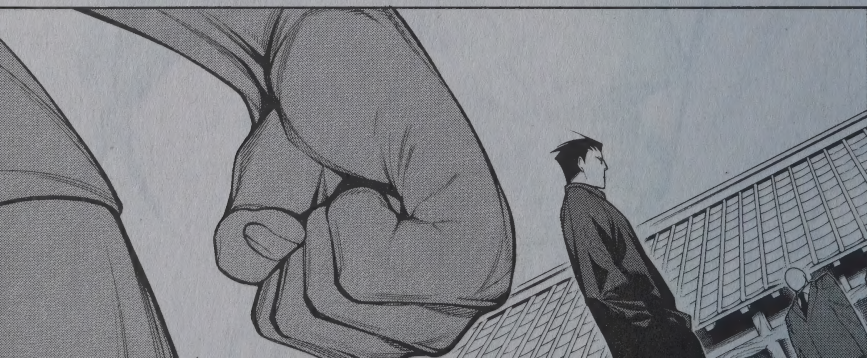
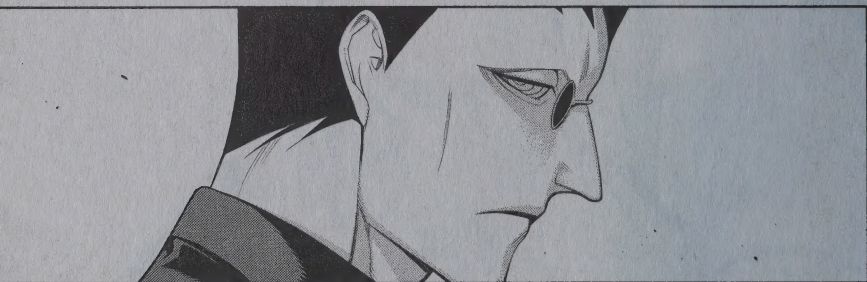
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TEMPO-
RARY
RE-
LEASE.

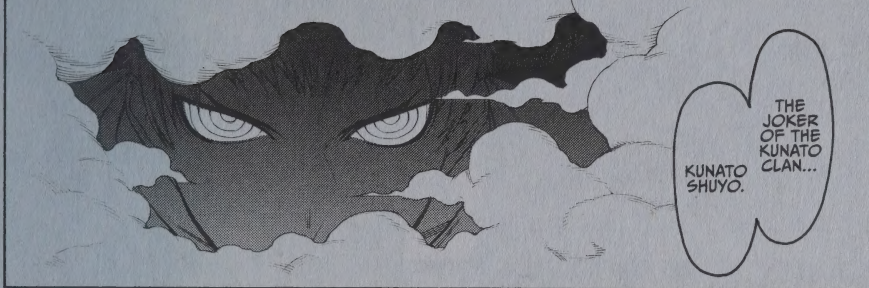
WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE.

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
SOLUTION.

WE NEED
TO STOP
THE
ENEMY'S
ADVANCE
UNTIL I CAN
FIGURE
OUT THEIR
OBJECTIVE.

WE WILL
REQUEST
HER AS-
SISTANCE.





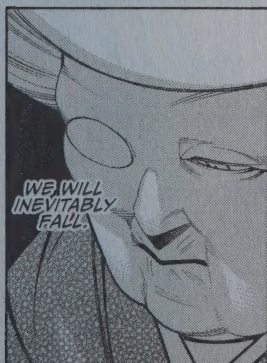
THE
JOKER
OF THE
KUNATO
CLAN...
KUNATO
SHUYO.



YOU
UNDER-
STAND
ME?

WHAT-
EVER.

JUST
MAKE SURE
YOU DON'T
BORE ME,
OKAY?



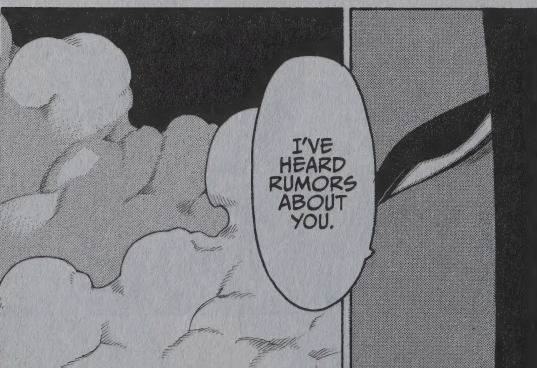
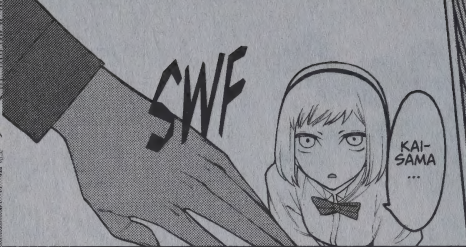
WE WILL
INEVITABLY
FALL.



KUNATO
SHUYO
WAS SENT
AS A PAWN
TO KEEP
ME HERE.

KAI
REALIZED
THAT.

IF
THEY KEEP
COMING
IN GREAT
NUMBERS...



ARMOR-
ING
TECH-
NIQUE.



SHINSHU
SAENOME
HIDDEN ART
ARMOR
TALISMAN...

IDATEN!

SORRY,
BUT
COULD
YOU
STEP
BACK?

WE
HAVE
TO
FIGHT!

YACHIMATA...

I'LL
LAY MY
FRIEND
TO
REST.



THERE'S
NO WAY
TO SAVE
HIM.

...



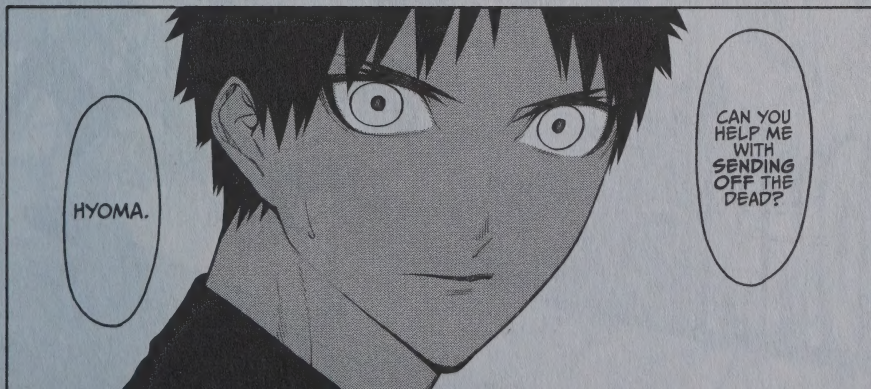
GRAND-
FATHER
?!

WHAT
...?

LYING
BEFORE
YOU IS THE
SHADOW
OF A
SAENOME,
DEVoured
BY THE
PAPER UM-
BRELLAS.

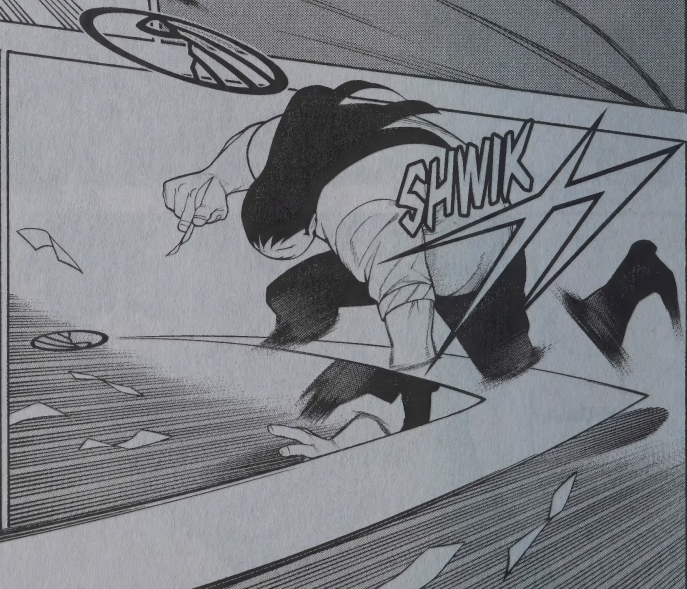
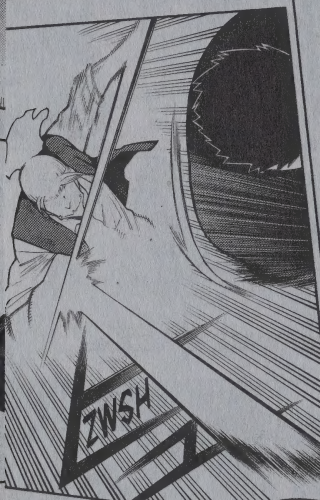


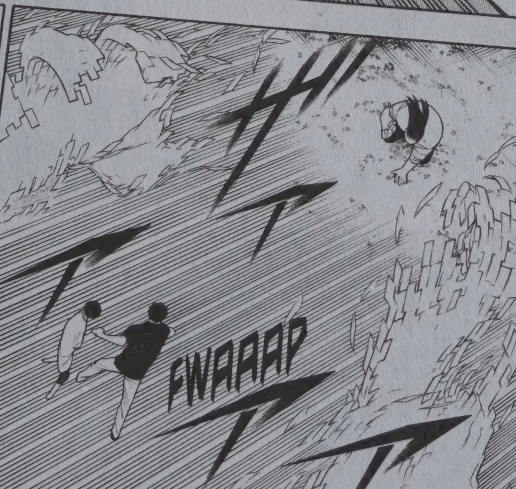
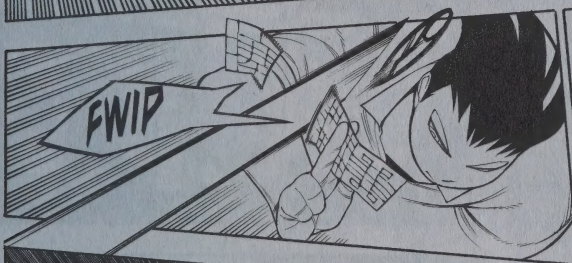
HE'S A
LIFELESS
CORPSE.



HYOMA.

CAN YOU
HELP ME
WITH
SENDING
OFF THE
DEAD?







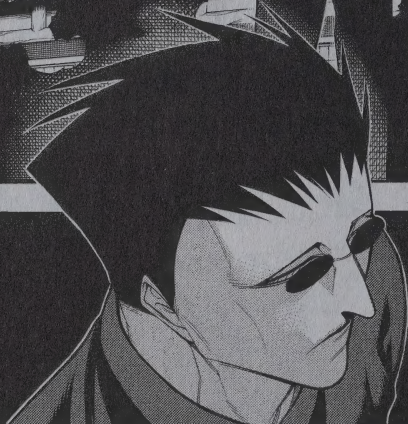
THAT'S
THE
LEADER
OF
THE OMI
SAENOME!



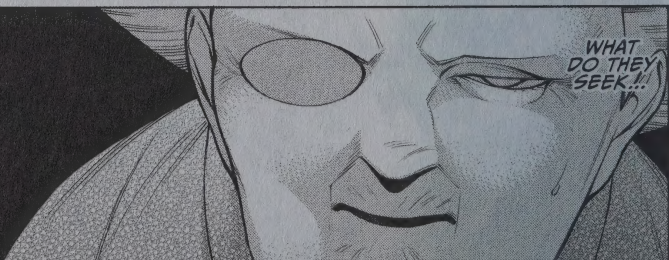
NO,
IT IS!



IT
CAN'T
BE...

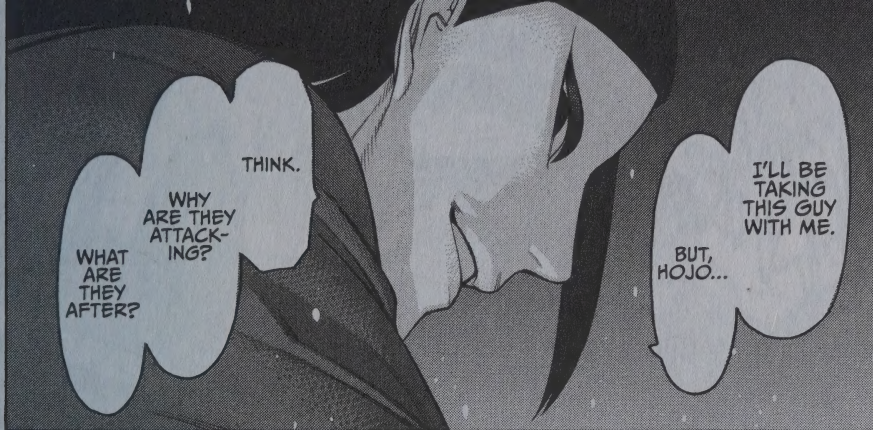


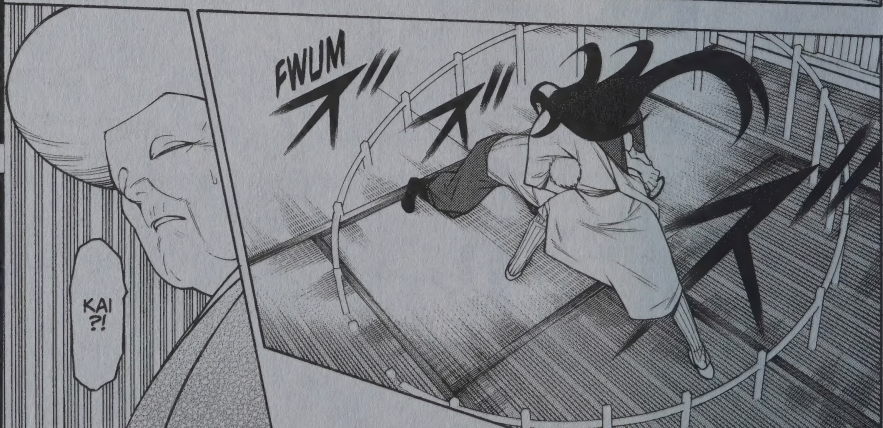
HOW'D
HE BREAK
THROUGH
THE TSUJI
BARRIER?!



IN THIS
HOUSE...?!

WHAT
DO THEY
SEEK...!









ONE
OF THE
MEMBERS
INVITED TO
JOIN THE
PAPER
UMBRELLA
TASK
FORCE.

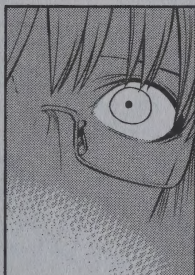


THE
MARTIAL
ARTS IN-
STRUCTOR OF
THE
SHINSHU
SAENOME
...

AND...

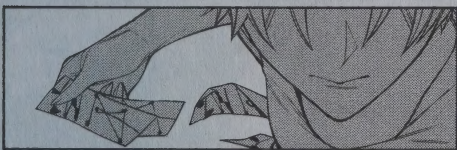


NO...



THE TASK
FORCE?!

THEN
THAT
MUST
MEAN...



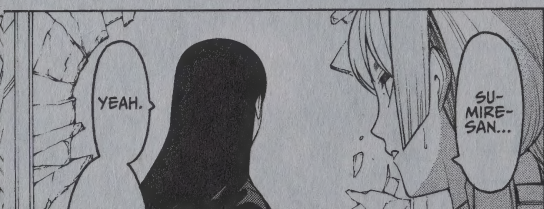
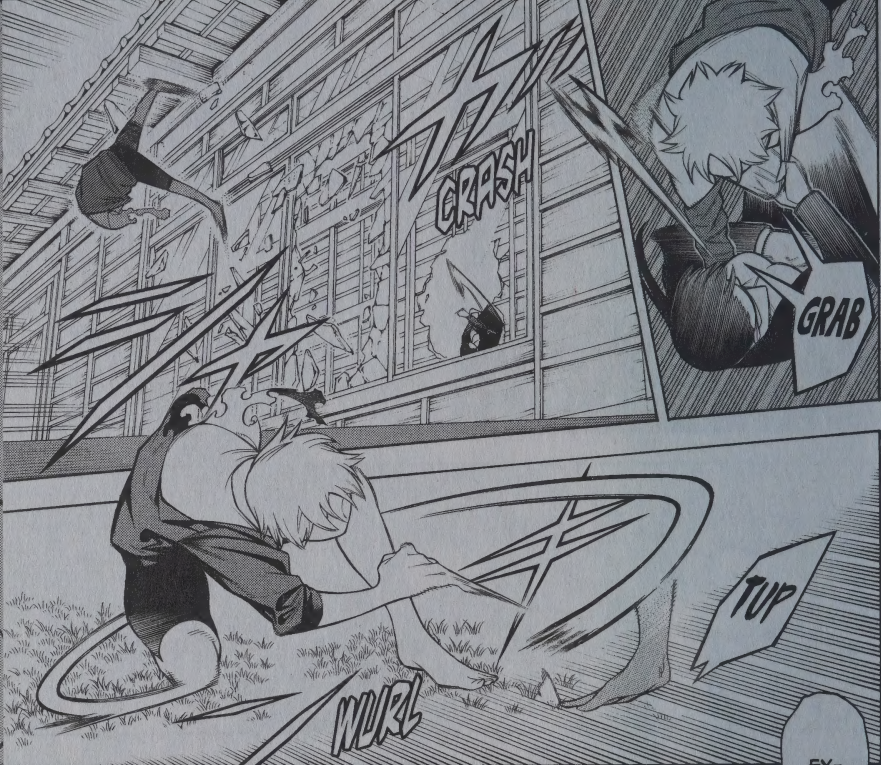
AND...



ALL WE
KNOW IS
THAT SHE
HAS BEEN
KILLED BY
AME NO
NORIGOTO.

SWF

SO HER
BODY
IS NO
LONGER
HUMAN.



YEAH.

SU-
MIRE-
SAN...

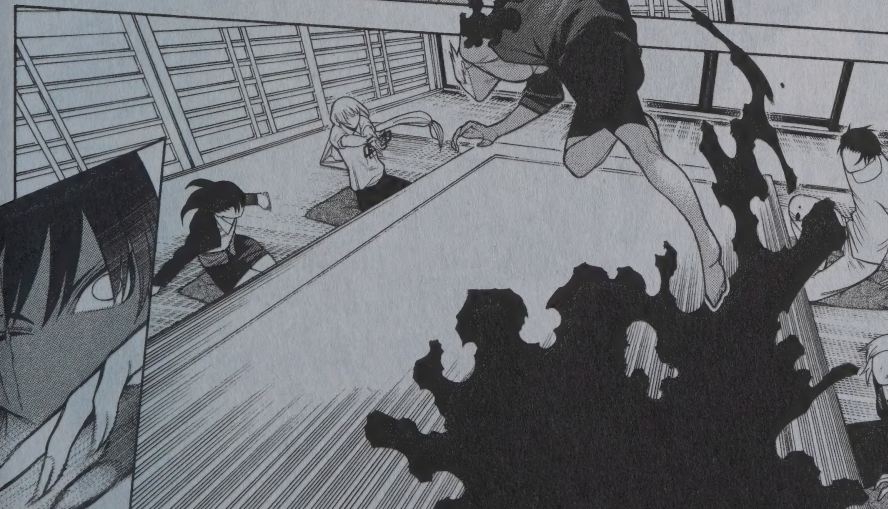
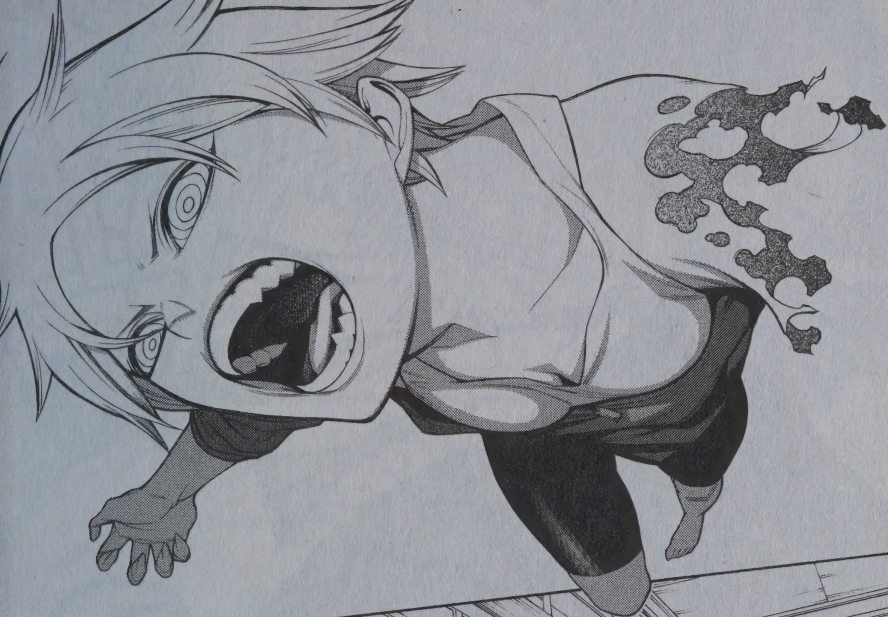


WE
KNOW
HER.



EX-
TREM
E S
PEED
?!

ARE THEY
WITH THE
PAPER
UMBREL-
LAS?!





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MELANCHOLY



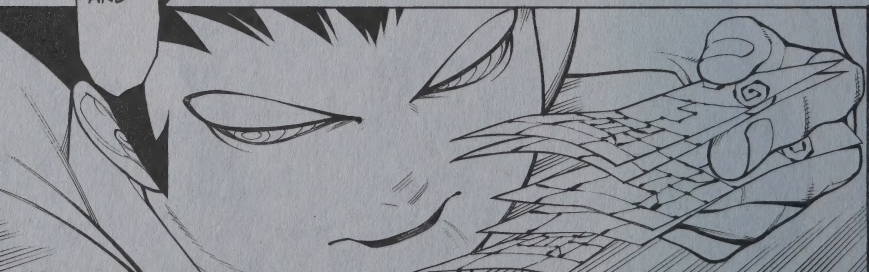
LOOK!
HOJO!!

VREEN

THE TASK
FORCE
HAS MET
THE WORST
POSSIBLE
END!

THINGS
ARE
GETTING
INTEREST-
ING!!

HA
HA!





YOU'VE
GONE
AND
DONE IT
NOW...

PAPER
UMBREL-
LAS!!



YOU!

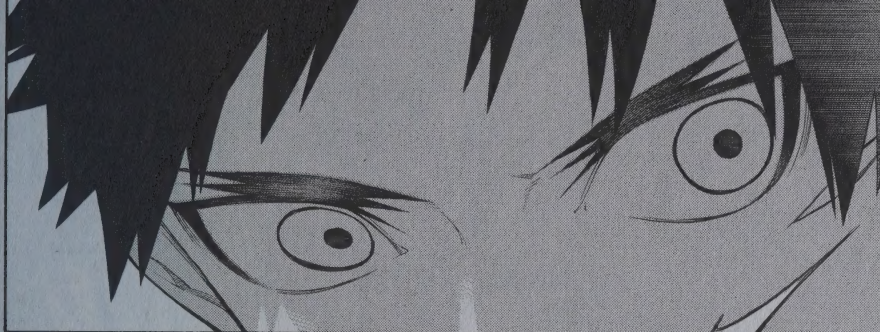


HEH
HEH
...



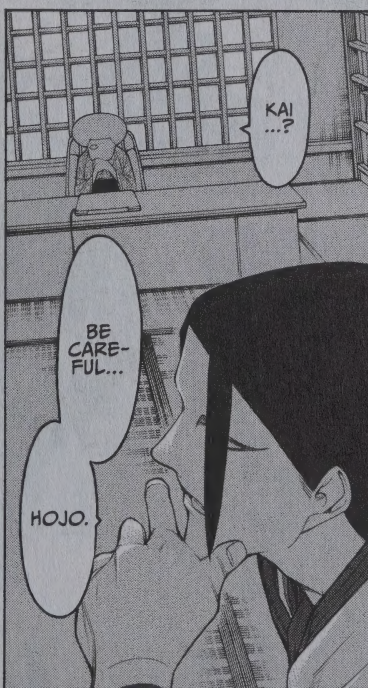
I
SEE!!





EET...!

GRAB

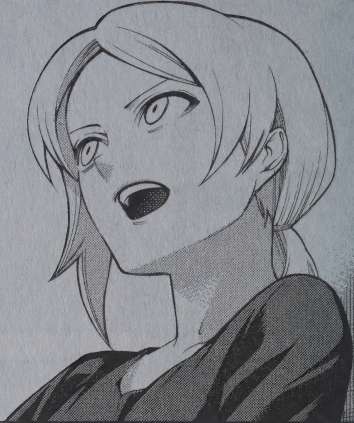


KAI...?

BE CAREFUL...

HOJO.

THE ENEMY APPROACHES.



AREN'T
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR BOTAN
TO CREATE!

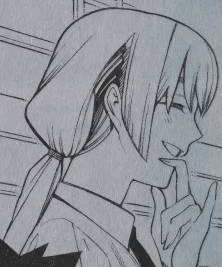
THE
BONDS
OF LOVE
HOJO-
SAN WAS
REFERRING
TO...



AH...

S-SO
THAT WAS
WHAT
SHE WAS
TALKING
ABOUT...

!



OH
MY...

I SEE.



WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
...

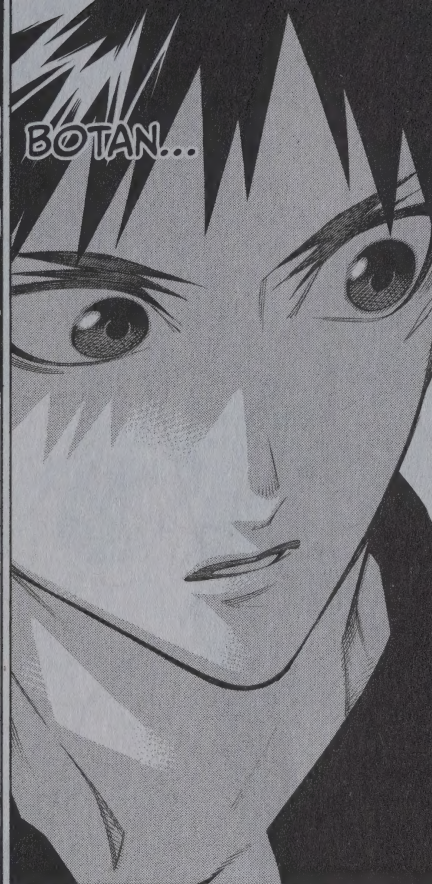
DO YOU
MEAN?

BOTAN
...

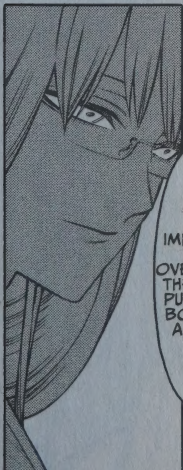
UM...



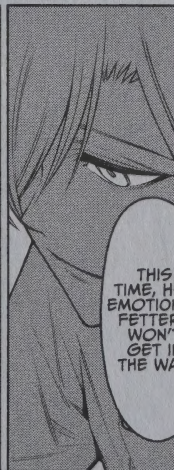
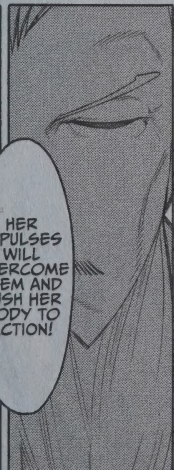
IS IN
LOVE.



BOTAN...



HER
IMPULSES
WILL
OVERCOME
THEM AND
PUSH HER
BODY TO
ACTION!



THIS
TIME, HER
EMOTIONAL
FETTERS
WON'T
GET IN
THE WAY.



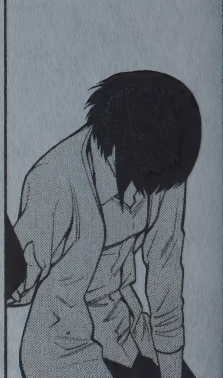
YOU'VE
ALL
NOTICED,
RIGHT?



I WANT
IT TO
BE YOU.

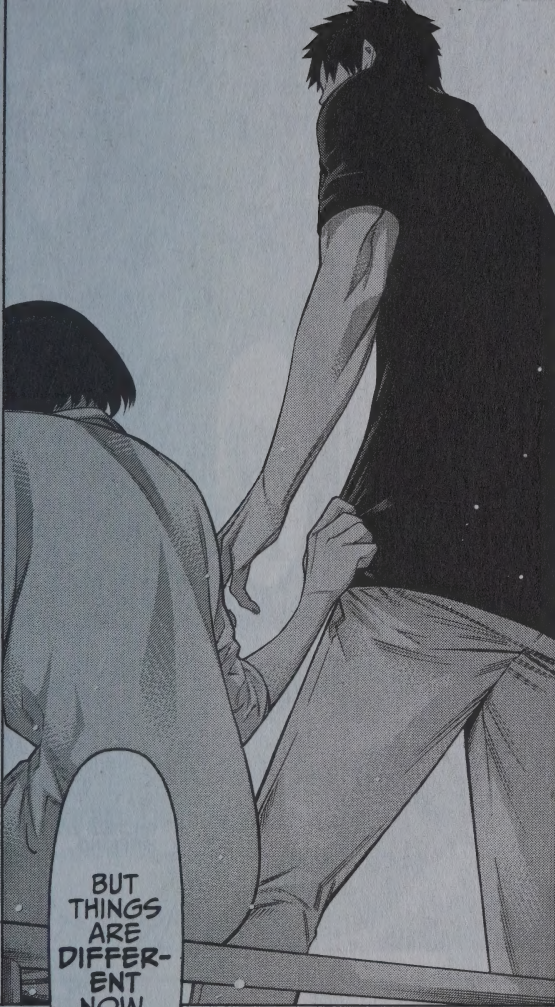


HYO-
MA...



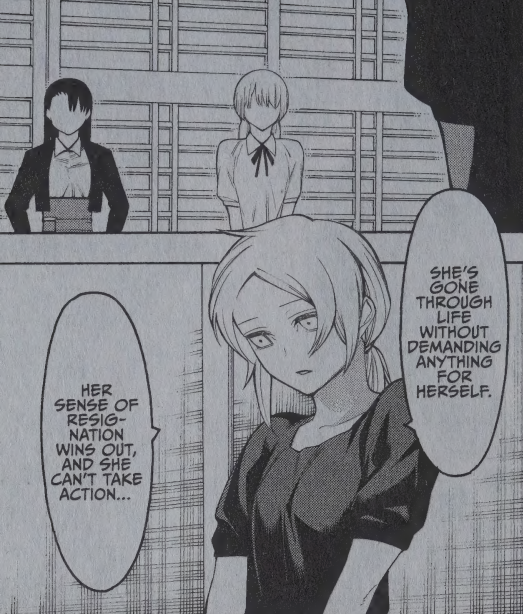
THEN...

IF IT'S
REALLY
OKAY
FOR ME
TO BE
HONEST
...



BUT
THINGS
ARE
DIFFER-
ENT
NOW.





HER
SENSE OF
RESIG-
NATION
WINS OUT,
AND SHE
CAN'T TAKE
ACTION...

SHE'S
GONE
THROUGH
LIFE
WITHOUT
DEMANDING
ANYTHING
FOR
HERSELF.

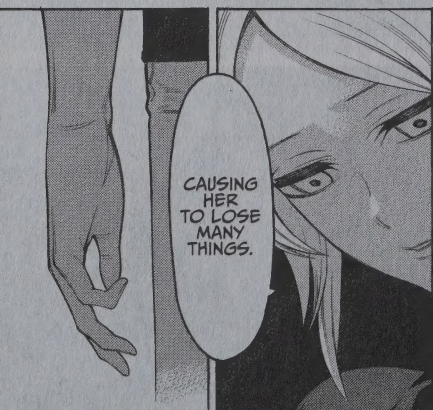
BOTAN
...

IS TOO
USED TO
CARRYING
SCARS.

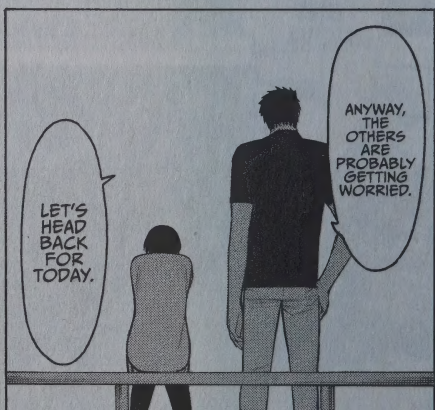


BUT
THAT'S
HOW
IT IS.

WELL,
I HAVE NO
CLUE WHAT
IT IS YOU
SHOULD BE
SEEKING...

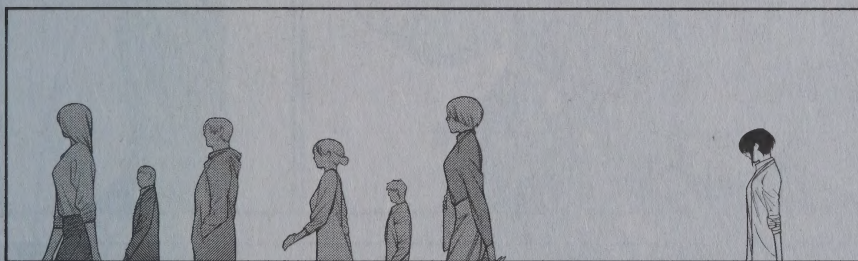
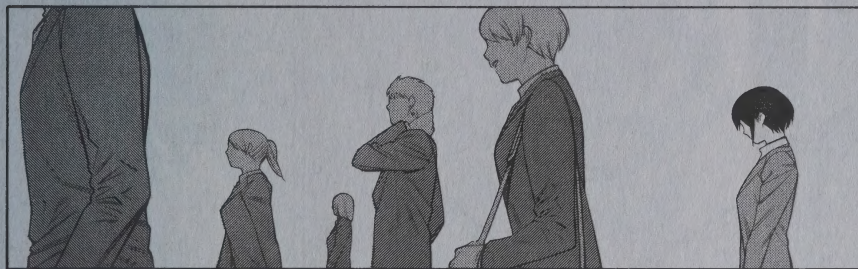


CAUSING
HER
TO LOSE
MANY
THINGS.



LET'S
HEAD
BACK
FOR
TODAY.

ANYWAY,
THE
OTHERS
ARE
PROBABLY
GETTING
WORRIED.



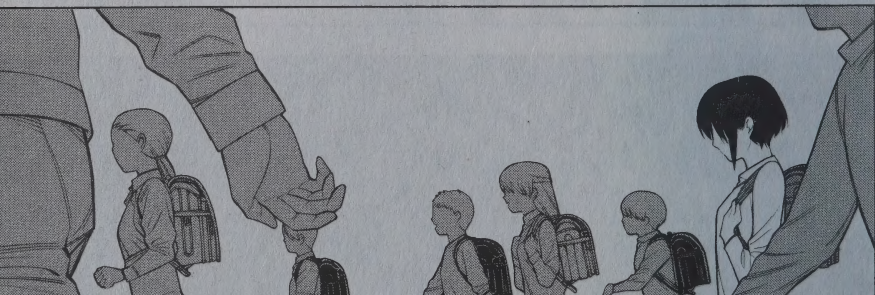
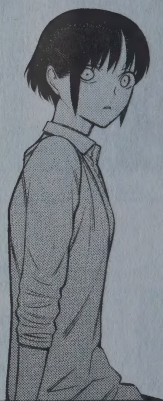


AND GIVE
A SHOUT
WHENEVER
YOU NEED
ME.

YOU CAN
FOLLOW
YOUR
HEART...

THERE'S
ABSO-
LUTELY
NOTHING
TO FEAR.

SO,
BOTAN
...





DON'T
WORRY.

I'LL
DISPEL
IT FOR
YOU.

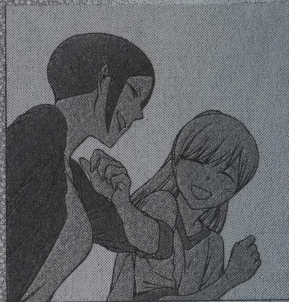
I'LL
PROTECT
YOU AGAIN
AND AGAIN.



THOSE
ARE THE
KINDS OF
PEOPLE
WHO
NATURALLY
CONGREGATE
AROUND
YOU.



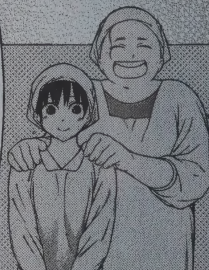
THEY'RE
DRAWN IN
BY YOUR
HUMANITY.



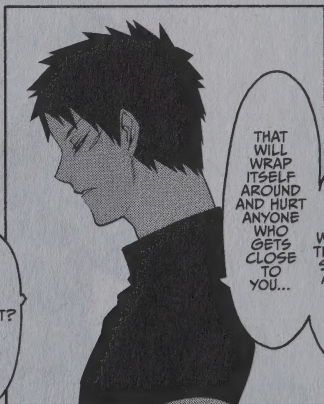
LOOKING
AT ALL
OF THE
BONDS
YOU HAVE
NOW...



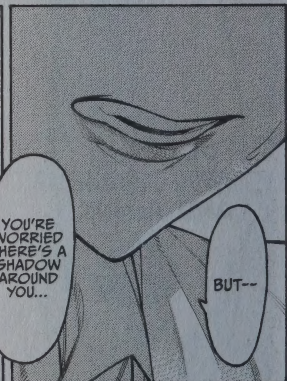
I DON'T
THINK ANYONE
WOULD EVER
LIE TO YOU...
MUCH LESS
RUN OFF AND
BETRAY YOU.



RIGHT?



THAT
WILL
WRAP
ITSELF
AROUND
AND HURT
ANYONE
WHO
GETS
CLOSE
TO
YOU...



YOU'RE
WORRIED
THERE'S A
SHADOW
AROUND
YOU...

BUT--



I WAS
ONLY ABLE
TO STAND
STRONG
BECAUSE
YOU
BELIEVED
IN ME.

I'VE
WITNESSED
THAT
FIRST-
HAND.

DURING
THE FIGHT
WITH THE
BUREAU
OF TRA-
DITIONAL
MUSIC...



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?

BECAUSE
YOU
PUSHED
YOURSELF
TO
BELIEVE
IN ME.



HMM
...

THAT'S
THE
THING.

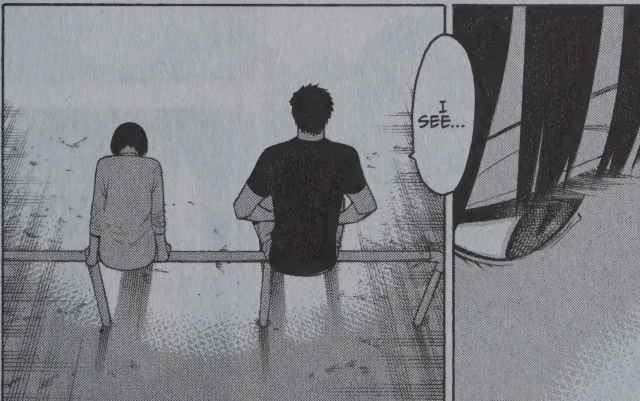
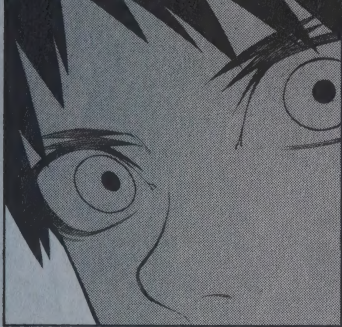


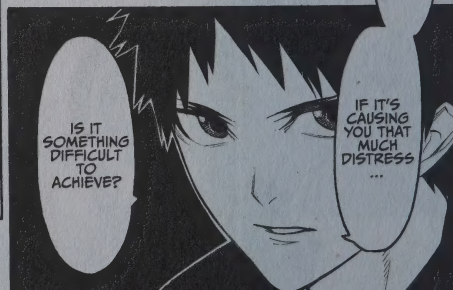
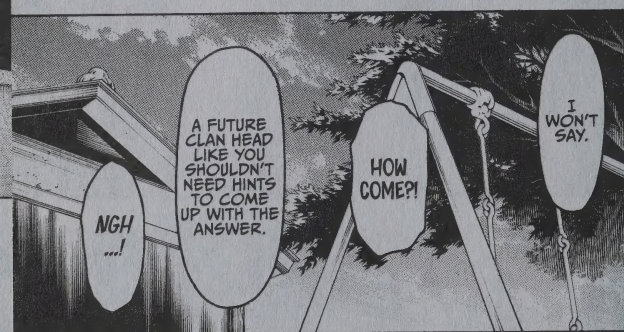
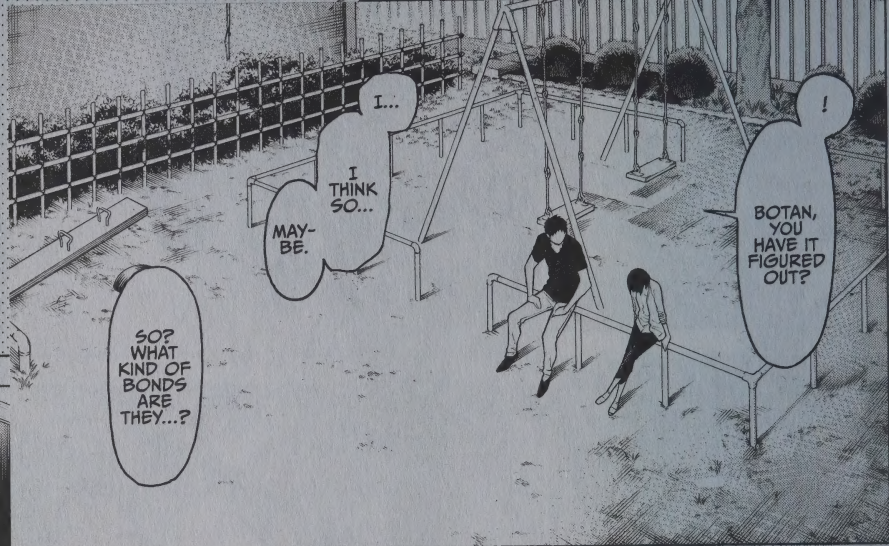
THAT'S
...

AND
BESIDES, I
KNEW YOU
WEREN'T
THE KIND OF
PERSON...
WHO
WOULD
LIE.

ONLY
BECAUSE
YOU TOLD
ME TO.





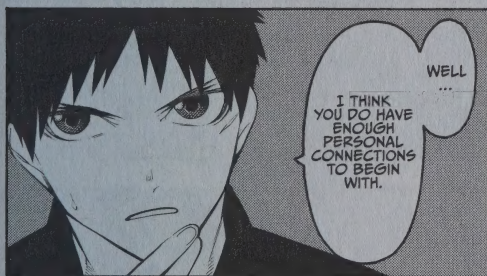




SORRY,
BUT I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA!!

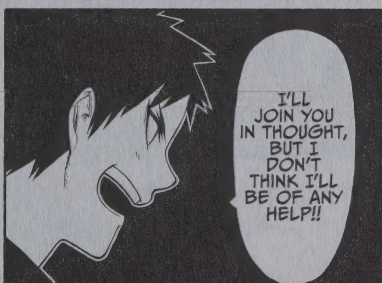
EVERY-
THING
REPRE-
SENTATIVE
TSUJI
MENTIONED
ABOUT
BONDS...

I CAN'T
WRAP
MY HEAD
AROUND
IT!!



WELL
...

I THINK
YOU DO HAVE
ENOUGH
PERSONAL
CONNECTIONS
TO BEGIN
WITH.



I'LL
JOIN YOU
IN THOUGHT,
BUT I
DON'T
THINK I'LL
BE OF ANY
HELP!!

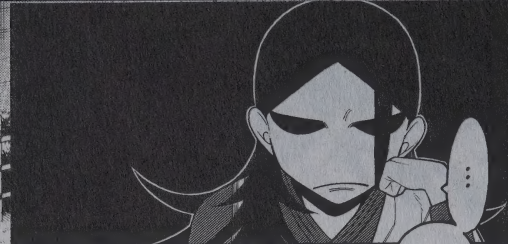


THOSE ARE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
BONDS I
NEED NOW.

YEAH,
BUT...



WHY
DO YOU
LOOK
SO
SMUG?



THAT
IS OUR
DUTY...



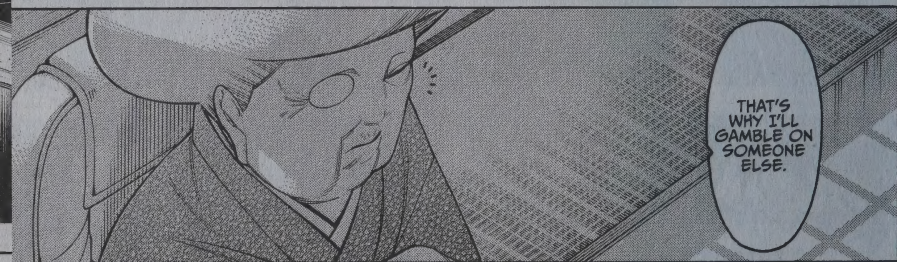
I ADMIRE
YOUR
RESOLVE,
BUT I CAN'T
SAY I'D BE
HAPPY WITH
THAT OUT-
COME...

SIGH...

DON'T
BE
SELFISH,
NOW...



AND OUR
RESPON-
SIBILITY.



THAT'S
WHY I'LL
GAMBLE ON
SOMEONE
ELSE.



WHO
SHE'S
WITH IS
ANOTHER
FACTOR
AT PLAY.

IN ES-
SENCE...



THAT'S
THE MOST
CONCERNING
ISSUE IN
TRYING
TO SEAL
AWAY THE
LIVING GOD
THROUGH
BONDS.

THAT
GIRL IS
BEYOND
CAPABLE
OF
ENDURING
THINGS...

BUT
SHE'S
ALOOF
AT
SEEKING
THINGS
OUT.

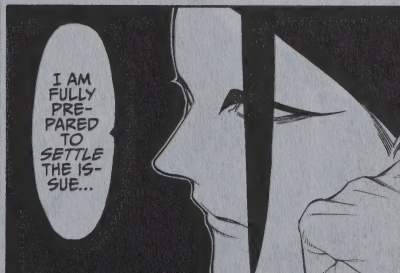


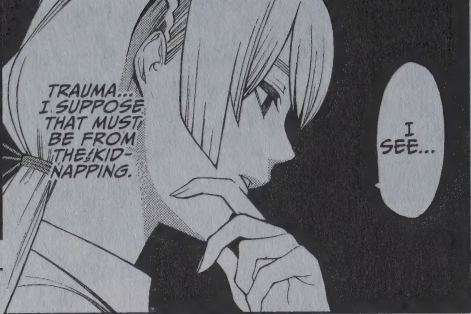
EVEN IF
I MUST SET
EVERYTHING
ASIDE,
INCLUDING
BOTAN-SAN
HERSELF.

SHOULD
THIS FAIL
AND SHE IS
ABSORBED
BY THE
LIVING
GOD...



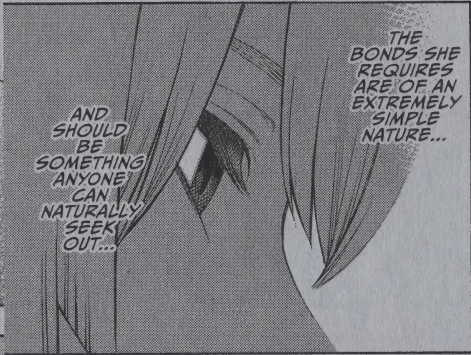
I AM
FULLY
PRE-
PARED
TO
SETTLE
THE IS-
SUE...





TRAUMA...
I SUPPOSE
THAT MUST
BE FROM
THE KID-
NAPPING.

I
SEE...



AND
SHOULD
BE
SOMETHING
ANYONE
CAN
NATURALLY
SEEK
OUT...

THE
BONDS SHE
REQUIRES
ARE OF AN
EXTREMELY
SIMPLE
NATURE...



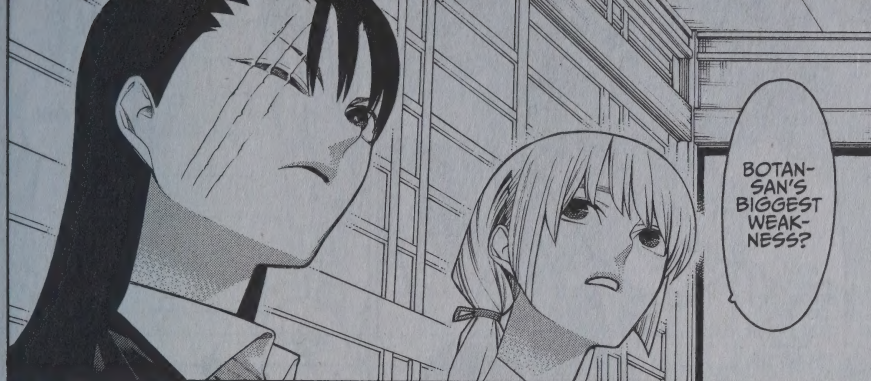
THOSE
SCARS...

REMAIN
TO THIS
DAY.

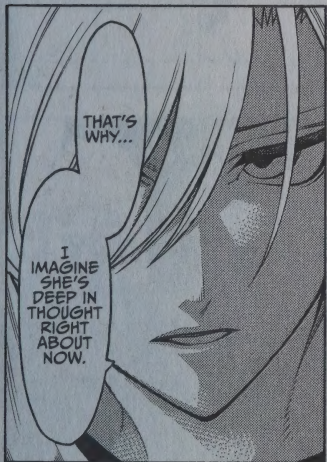


BUT FOR
BOTAN-
SAN...

I'M NOT
OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT THE
ODDS.



BOTAN-SAN'S BIGGEST WEAKNESS?

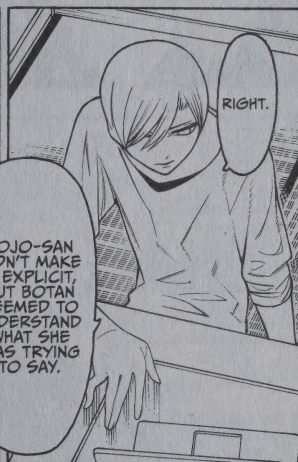


THAT'S WHY...

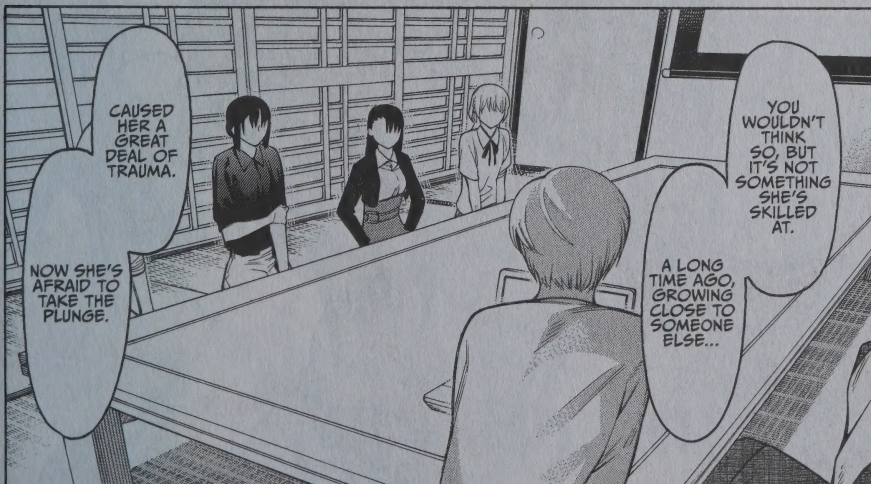
I IMAGINE SHE'S DEEP IN THOUGHT RIGHT ABOUT NOW.



HOJO-SAN DIDN'T MAKE IT EXPLICIT, BUT BOTAN SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WAS TRYING TO SAY.



RIGHT.



CAUSED HER A GREAT DEAL OF TRAUMA.

NOW SHE'S AFRAID TO TAKE THE PLUNGE.

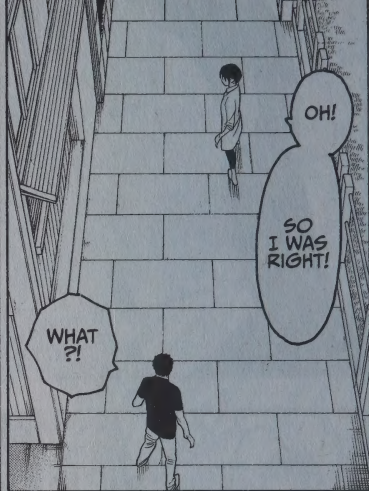
YOU WOULDN'T THINK SO, BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING SHE'S SKILLED AT.

A LONG TIME AGO, GROWING CLOSE TO SOMEONE ELSE...



STILL, I
FIGURED I
SHOULDN'T
DISTRACT
YOU FROM
YOUR
THOUGHTS.

I WAS...
TASKED
WITH
PRO-
TECTING
YOU.



WHAT
?!

OH!

SO
I WAS
RIGHT!



I
APOLO-
GIZE IF
I HURT
YOU.



SO...

COME
JOIN
ME!

IT'S
OKAY.

BESIDES,
THIS ISN'T
SOMETHING
I CAN
FIGURE OUT
JUST BY
AGONIZING
ON MY
OWN.

"THOSE
ARE THE
BONDS
YOU MUST
FORM."

"ONES
THAT
OFFER
A WARM
EM-
BRACE..."

"WHENEVER
YOU SENSE
YOUR SPIRIT
ON THE
VERGE OF
COLLAPSE..."

THAT
MEANS
...

I KNOW
YOU'RE
THERE.



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ROMANCE



WORK ON
FORGING
AND WEAVING
THREADS OF
EMOTION...

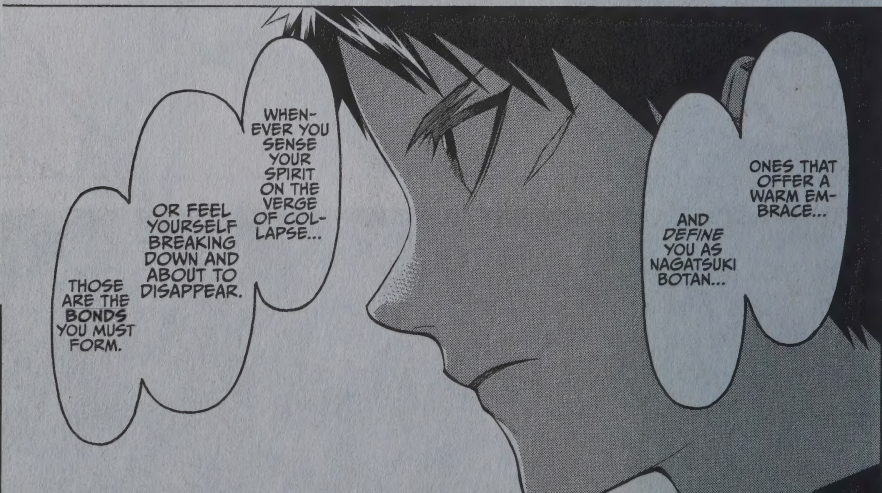
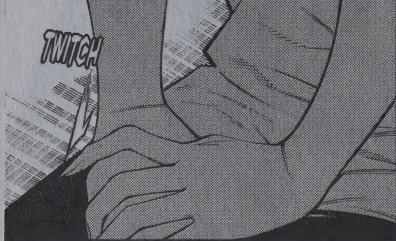
ONES
THAT
OUTSHINE
THOSE
FROM THE
TIME YOU
NEARLY
DISAP-
PEARED.

MAKE
THEM
STRON-
GER
AND
STRON-
GER.

TO
PREVENTING
THE MARES
BITING FROM
SURFACING.

THAT
WILL
BE THE
KEY...





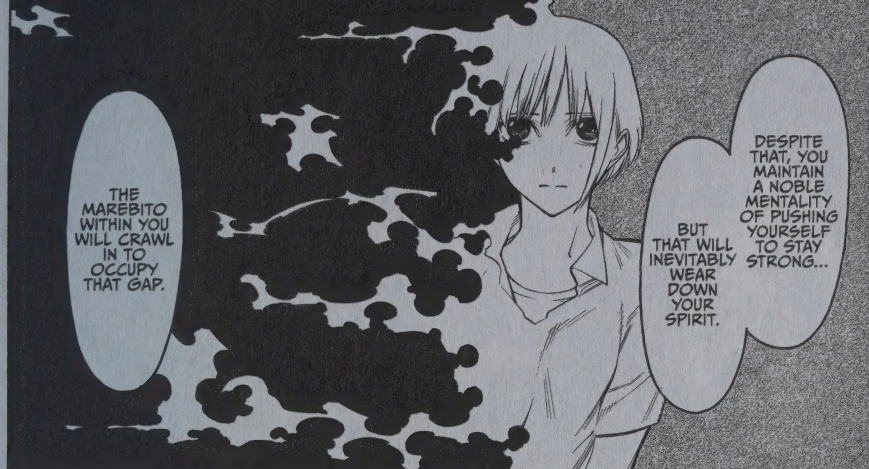
THOSE
ARE THE
BONDS
YOU MUST
FORM.

OR FEEL
YOURSELF
BREAKING
DOWN AND
ABOUT TO
DISAPPEAR.

WHEN-
EVER YOU
SENSE
YOUR
SPIRIT
ON THE
VERGE
OF COL-
LAPSE...

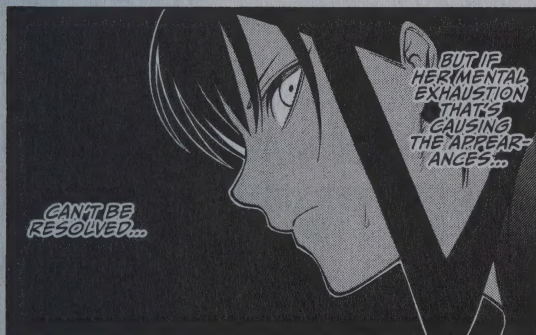
AND
DEFINE
YOU AS
NAGATSUKI
BOTAN...

ONES THAT
OFFER A
WARM EM-
BRACE...



THE
MAREBITO
WITHIN YOU
WILL CRAWL
IN TO
OCCUPY
THAT GAP.

DESPITE
THAT, YOU
MAINTAIN
A NOBLE
MENTALITY
OF PUSHING
YOURSELF
TO STAY
STRONG...
BUT
THAT WILL
INEVITABLY
WEAR
DOWN
YOUR
SPIRIT.



BUT IF
HER MENTAL
EXHAUSTION
THAT'S
CAUSING
THE APPEAR-
ANCES...

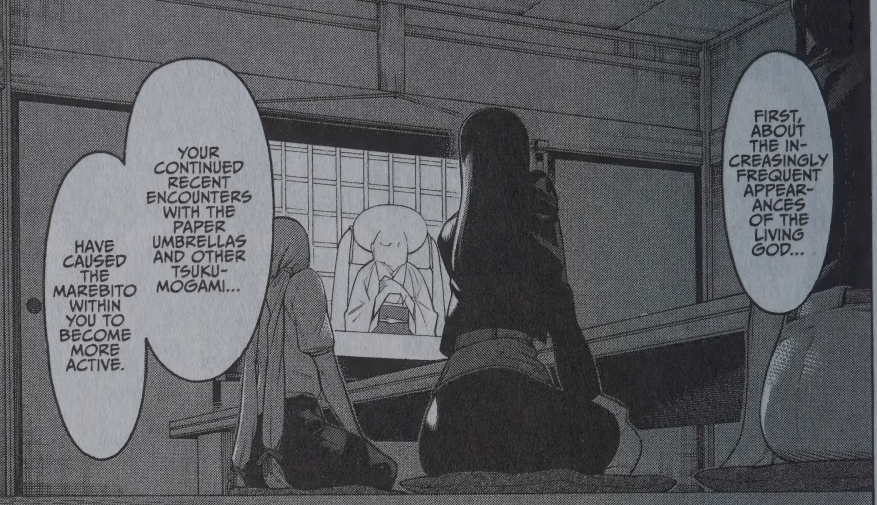
CAN'T BE
RESOLVED...



WITH THE
PAPER
UMBRELLAS
TARGETING
THE LIVING
GOD...

WE NEED
TO PREVENT
IT FROM
MANIFESTING.





YOUR
CONTINUED
RECENT
ENCOUNTERS
WITH THE
PAPER
UMBRELLAS
AND OTHER
TSUKU-
MOGAMI...

HAVE
CAUSED
THE
MAREBITO
WITHIN
YOU TO
BECOME
MORE
ACTIVE.

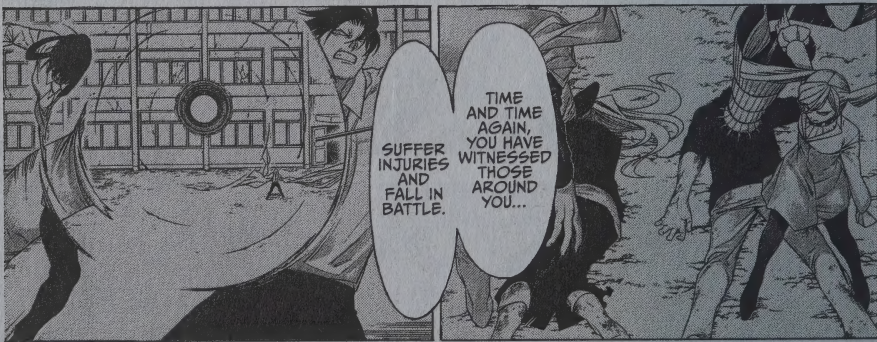
FIRST,
ABOUT
THE IN-
CREASINGLY
FREQUENT
APPEAR-
ANCES
OF THE
LIVING
GOD...



THERE IS
NOTHING
A HUMAN
SUCH AS
YOURSELF
CAN DO.

TO BEGIN
WITH, THIS
FIGHT IS
ONE OF A
SPIRITUAL
NATURE
BEYOND
THE REACH
OF HUMANS.

YOU HAVE
ALSO BEEN
FACING MUCH
DISTRESS AS
OF LATE.



SUFFER
INJURIES
AND
FALL IN
BATTLE.

TIME
AND TIME
AGAIN,
YOU HAVE
WITNESSED
THOSE
AROUND
YOU...



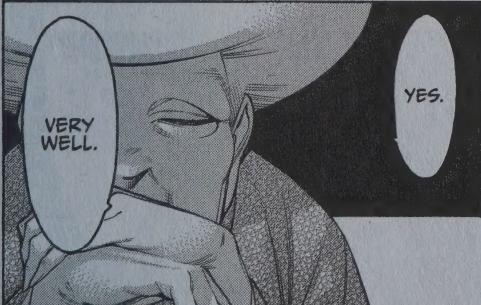
THE
IMPORTANT
THING NOW
IS TO
DISCUSS
WHERE WE
GO FROM
HERE.

NO.

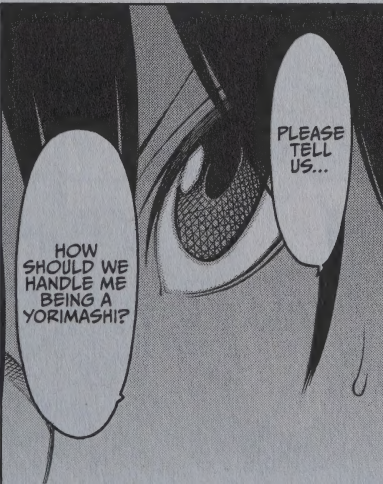
AFTER
HEARING
ALL OF
THAT...



YES.

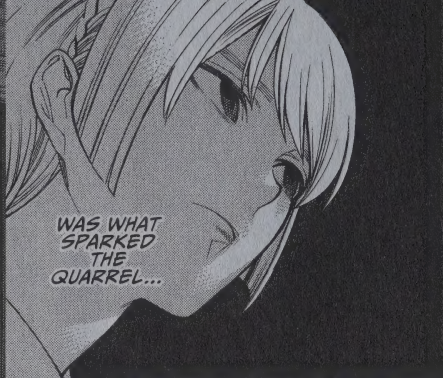


VERY
WELL.

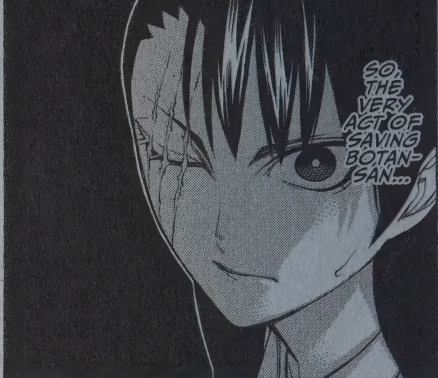


HOW
SHOULD WE
HANDLE ME
BEING A
YORIMASHI?

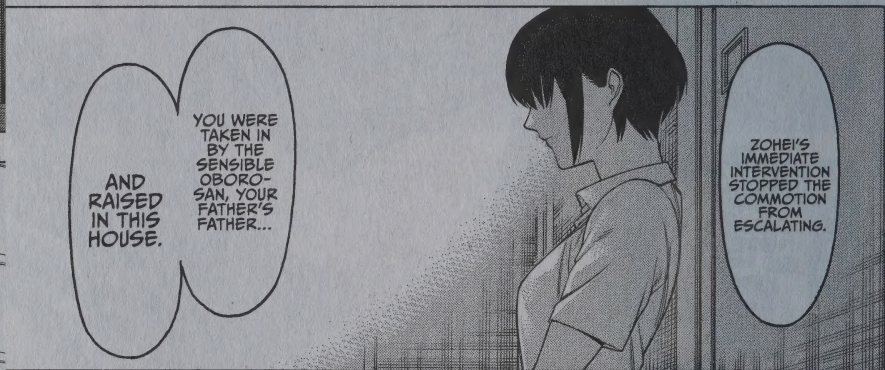
PLEASE
TELL
US...



WAS WHAT
SPARKED
THE
QUARREL...



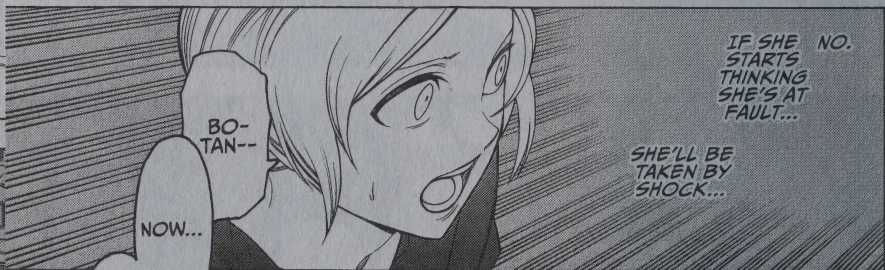
SO,
THE
VERY
ACT OF
SAVING
BOTAN-
SAN...



AND
RAISED
IN THIS
HOUSE.

YOU WERE
TAKEN IN
BY THE
SENSIBLE
OBORO-
SAN, YOUR
FATHER'S
FATHER...

ZOHEI'S
IMMEDIATE
INTERVENTION
STOPPED THE
COMMOTION
FROM
ESCALATING.

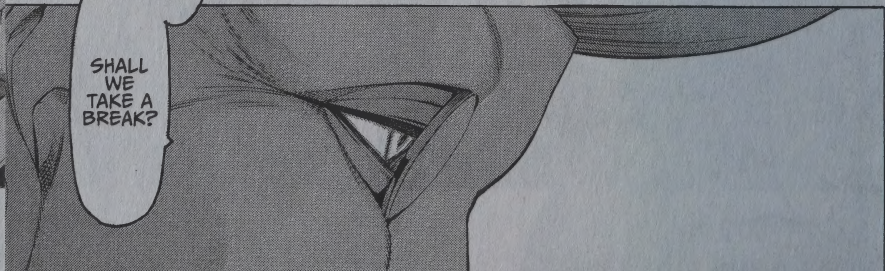


BO-
TAN--

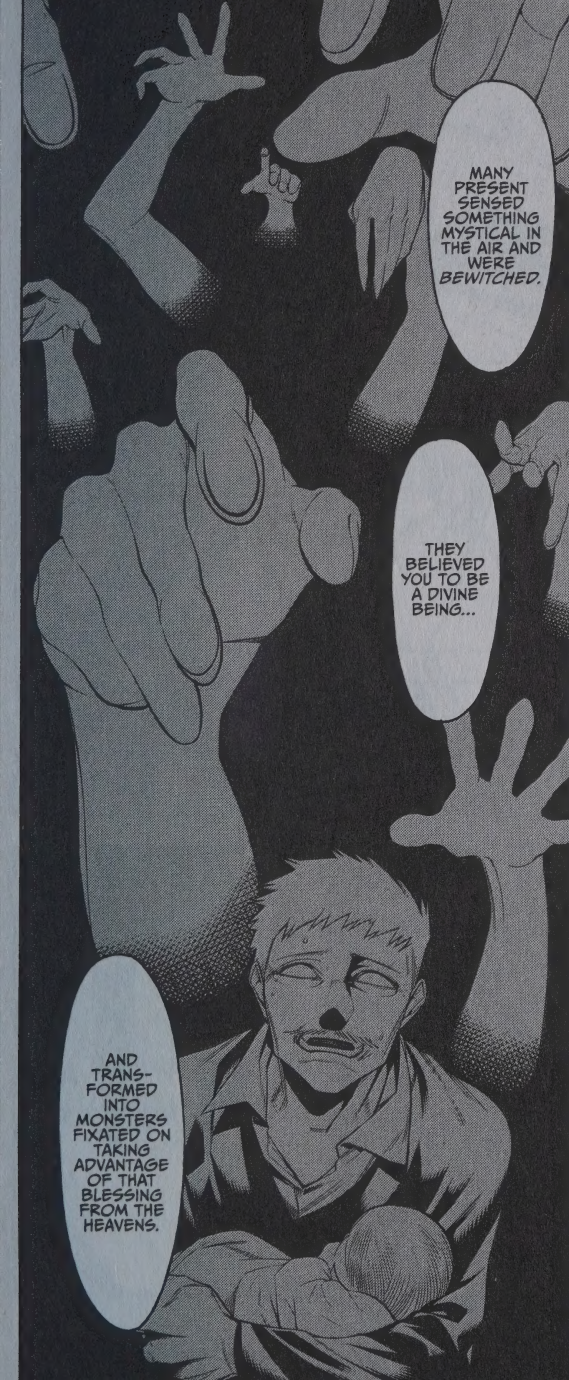
NOW...

IF SHE NO.
STARTS
THINKING
SHE'S AT
FAULT...

SHE'LL BE
TAKEN BY
SHOCK...



SHALL
WE
TAKE A
BREAK?



MANY
PRESENT
SENSED
SOMETHING
MYSTICAL IN
THE AIR AND
WERE
BEWITCHED.

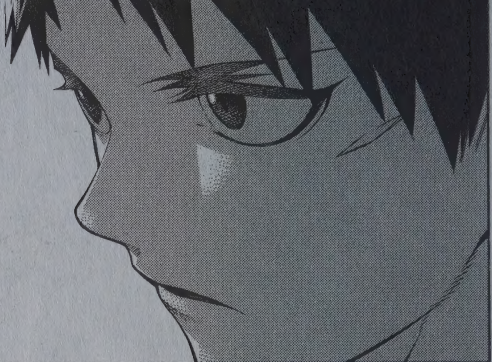
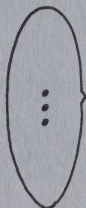
THEY
BELIEVED
YOU TO BE
A DIVINE
BEING...

AND
TRANS-
FORMED
INTO
MONSTERS
FIXATED ON
TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF THAT
BLESSING
FROM THE
HEAVENS.

YOUR
RELATIVES
SOON
BEGAN
TO FIGHT
OVER
YOU.

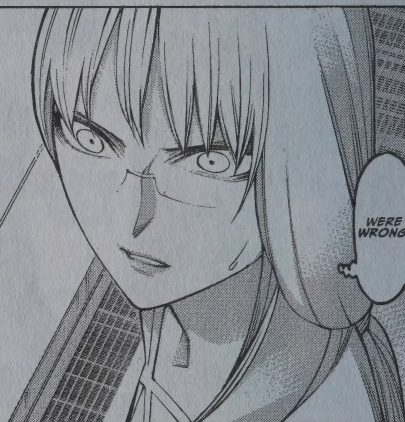
THE
BONDS
THAT HAD
GUIDED
YOU BACK,
THEY
DECAYED
INTO
DEPRAVITY.





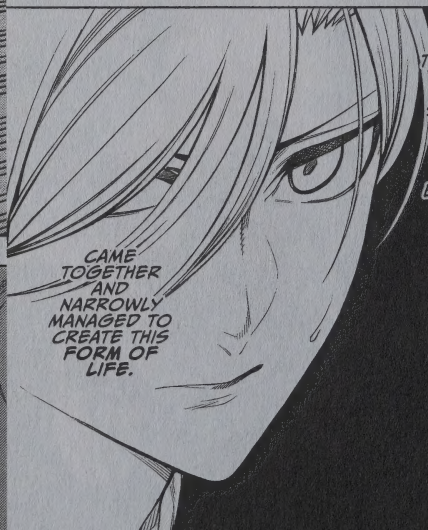
IT
WASN'T THAT
SOMEONE
MADE BOTAN
INTO A
YORIMASHI
OUT OF ILL
INTENT.

IT WAS
THE
OPPO-
SITE...



WE...

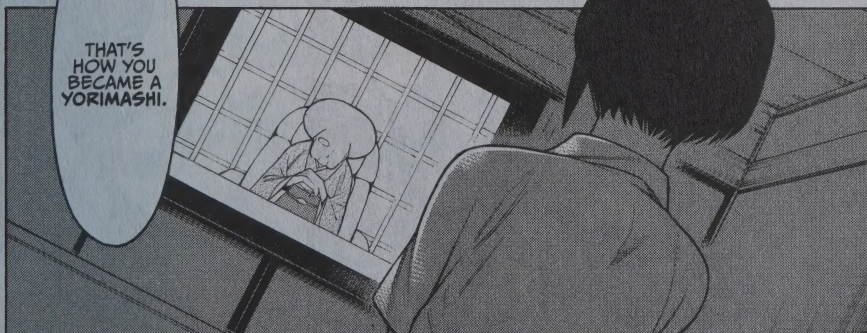
WERE
WRONG.

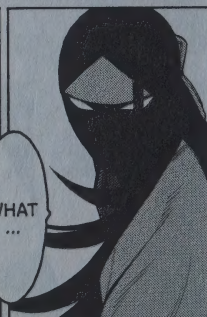
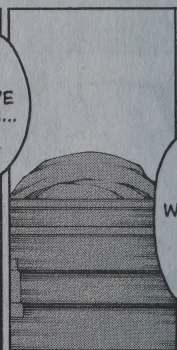
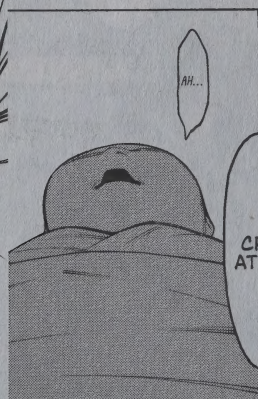
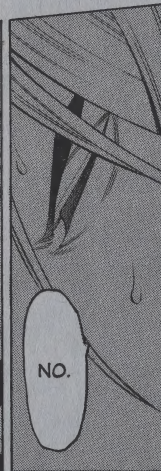
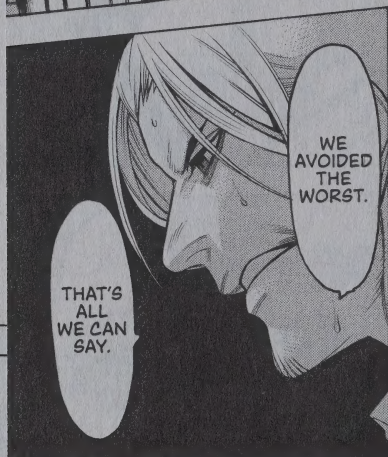
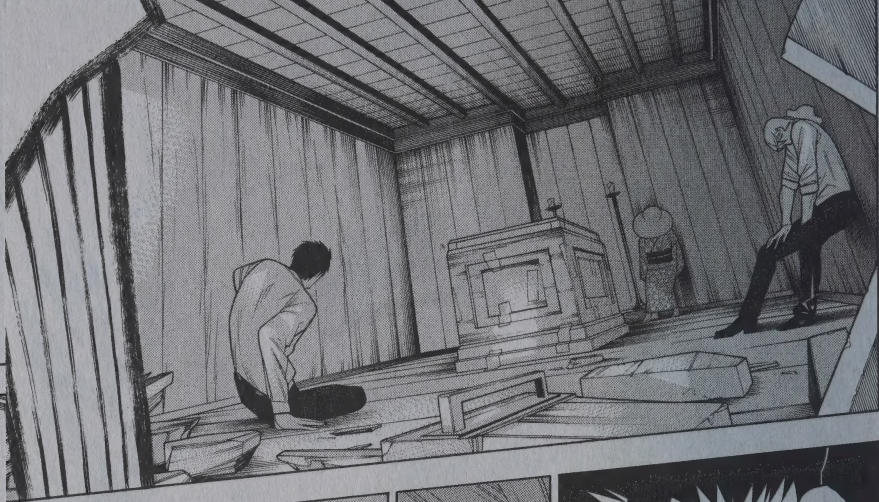


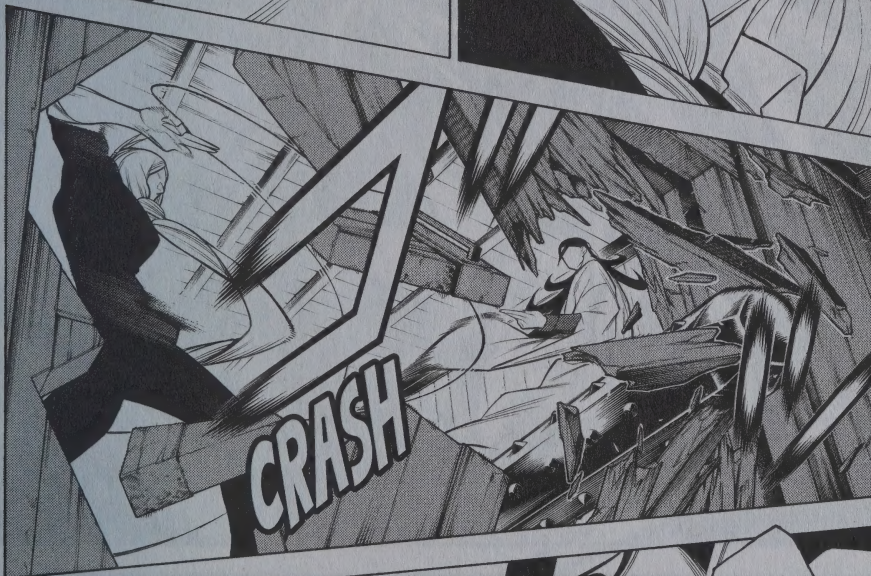
CAME
TOGETHER
AND
NARROWLY
MANAGED TO
CREATE THIS
FORM OF
LIFE.

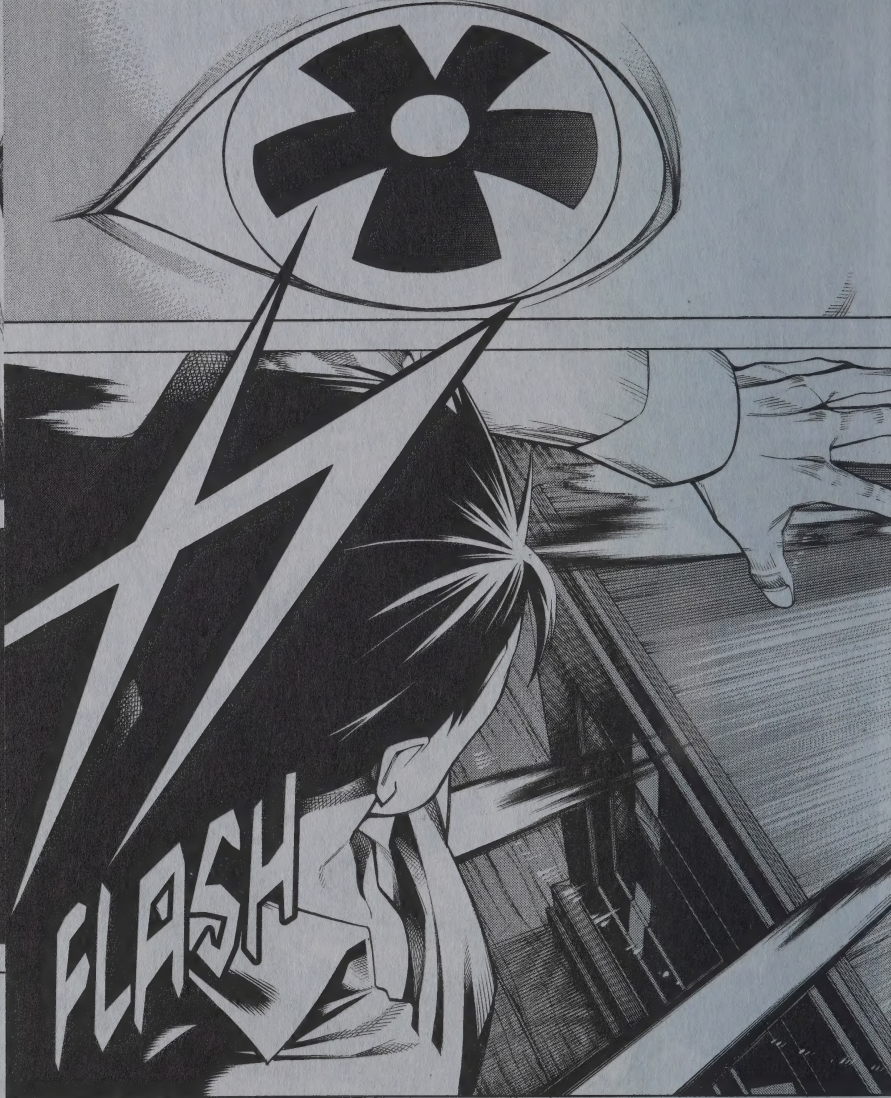
THE PRAYERS
OF THOSE
HOPING TO
SAVE BOTAN
FROM HER
CONDITION
OF BEING
BORN
BEYOND THE
LAWS OF
NATURE...

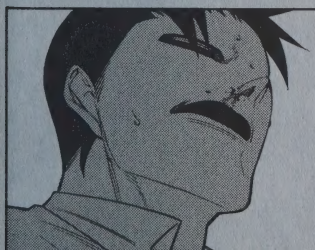
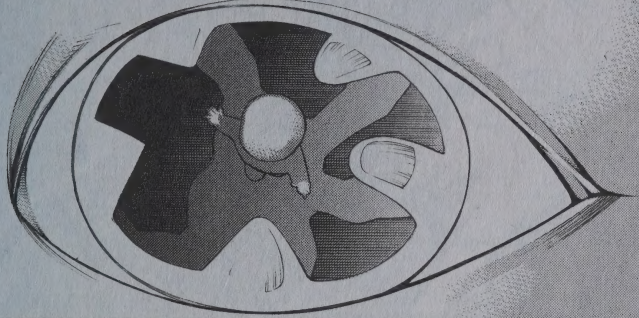




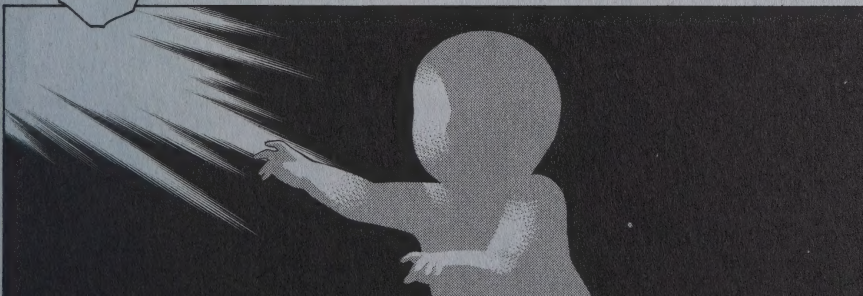
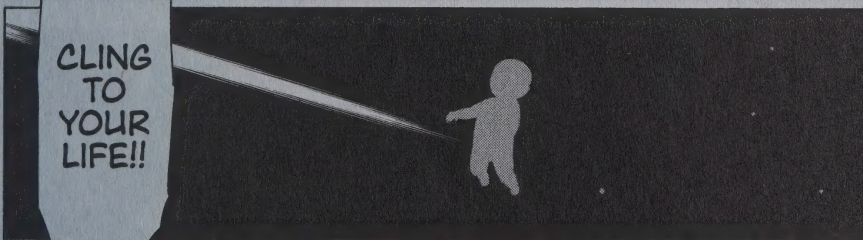
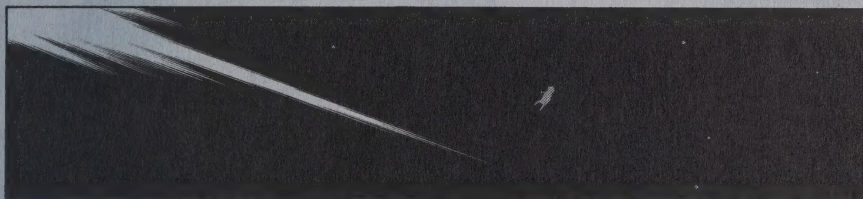


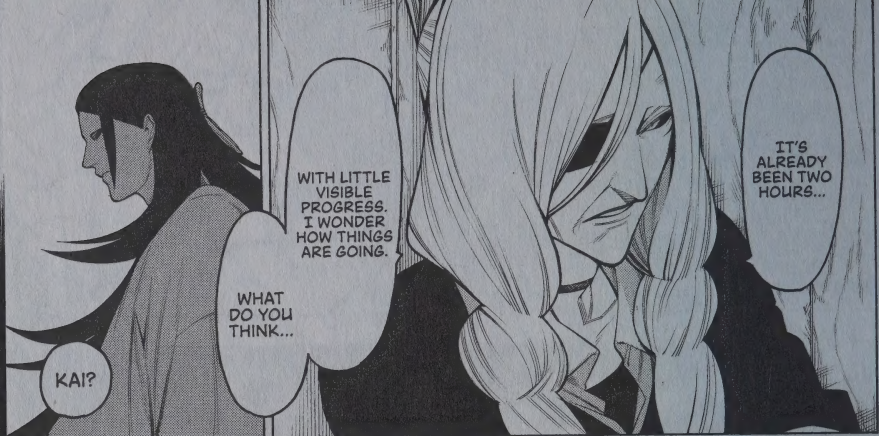












WITH LITTLE
VISIBLE
PROGRESS.
I WONDER
HOW THINGS
ARE GOING.

IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN TWO
HOURS...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK...

KAI?

TYPICALLY
ENDS IN
AROUND
HALF AN
HOUR.

AND AFTER
COMPLETING
IT...

THE
RITUAL OF
RETURNING
MAREBITO
SPIRITS TO
THE LAND
OF THE
DEAD...

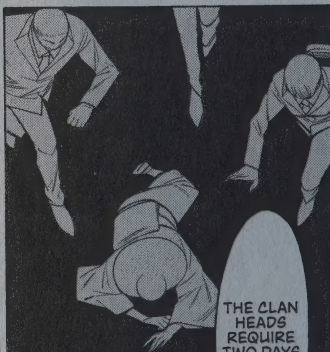
THE OP-
POSITE
OF THIS
RITUAL...



THEY
WILL RUN
OUT OF
STAMINA.

THE ISSUE
IS NOT
SUCCESS-
FULLY SUM-
MONING
THE SOUL.

AND
SOON,
TOO.



THE CLAN
HEADS
REQUIRE
TWO DAYS
TO RE-
COVER.



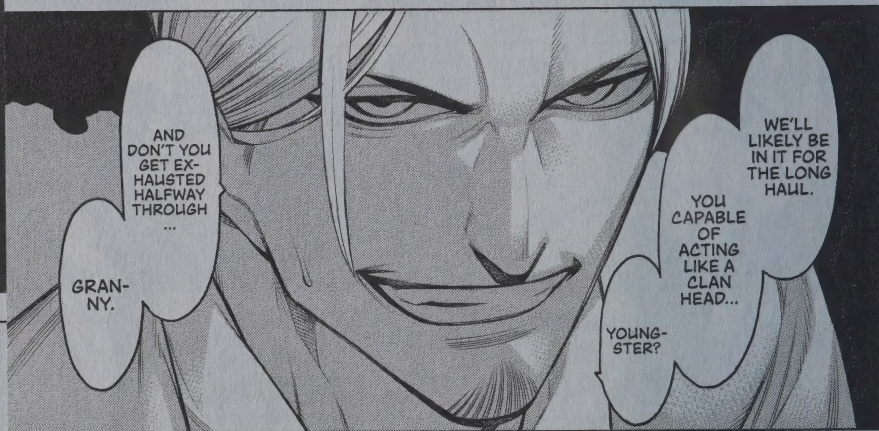
I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHY WE
SHOULD
TRY.

AND
THERE'S
NO GUAR-
ANTEE OF
SUCCESS.

BUT...

SO
THE IN-
CANTATION
WILL BIND
THE
SOUL.

THIS
IS VERY
UNORTHO-
DOX...



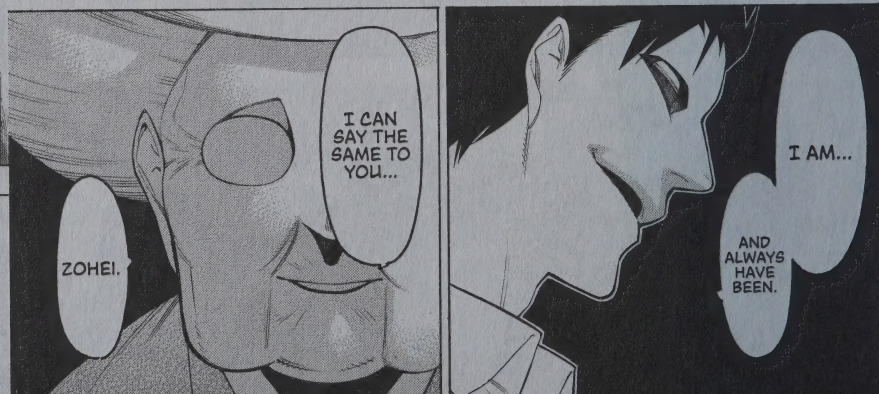
AND
DON'T YOU
GET EX-
HAUSTED
HALFWAY
THROUGH
...

GRAN-
NY.

WE'LL
LIKELY BE
IN IT FOR
THE LONG
HAUL.

YOU
CAPABLE
OF
ACTING
LIKE A
CLAN
HEAD...

YOUNG-
STER?



I CAN
SAY THE
SAME TO
YOU...

ZOHEI.

I AM...

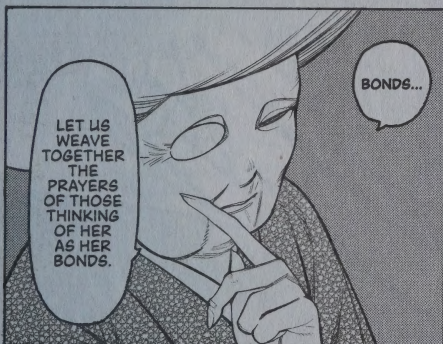
AND
ALWAYS
HAVE
BEEN.



THAT'S
HOW WE'LL
SUMMON
BACK HER
SOUL.

AND
WE'LL
APPLY
THAT
FOR
OUR
PURPOSES.

IKUYUMIYA
NORMALLY
SERVES AS
THE PATH TO
RETURN THE
MAREBITO
BACK TO THE
LAND OF THE
DEAD...



LET US
WEAVE
TOGETHER
THE
PRAYERS
OF THOSE
THINKING
OF HER
AS HER
BONDS.

BONDS...



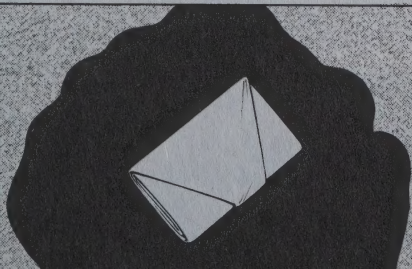
IF WE
SEEK TO
FIND THE
BABY'S
SOUL, WE
REQUIRE
BAIT TO
ATTRACT
IT.

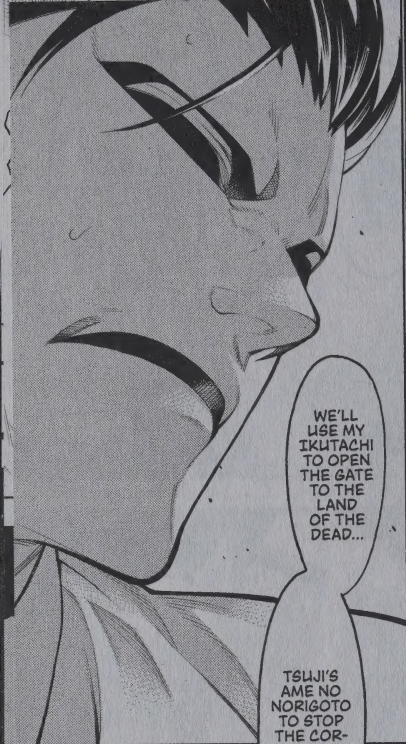
AND
FOR
THE
LURE?



WE
WILL HAVE
EVERYONE
IN THE
HALL CLASP
TALISMANS...

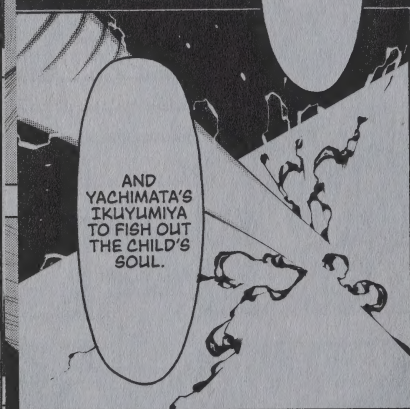
THEREBY
AMPLIFYING
AND CON-
VERTING
THEIR
PRAYERS
INTO AN IN-
CANTATION.



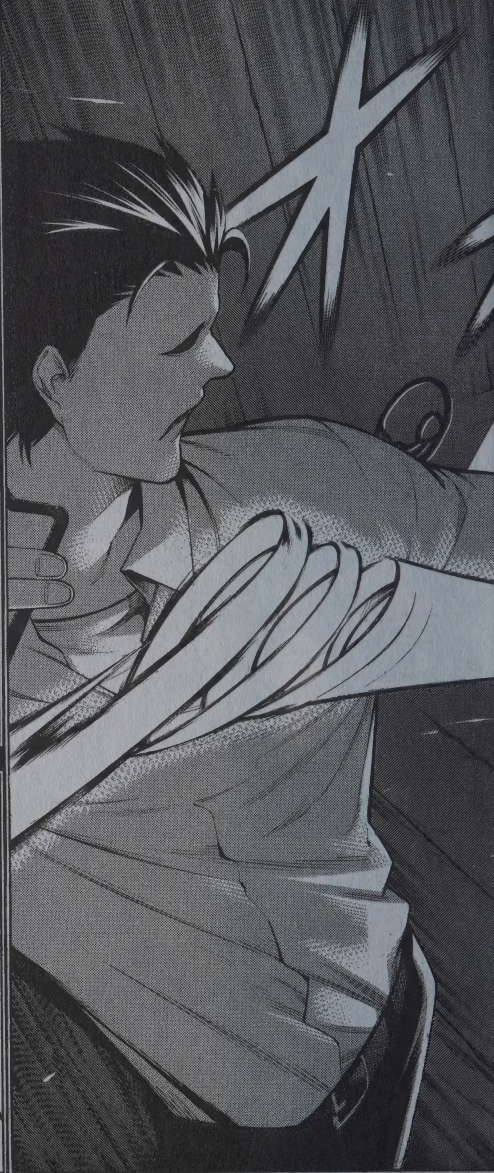


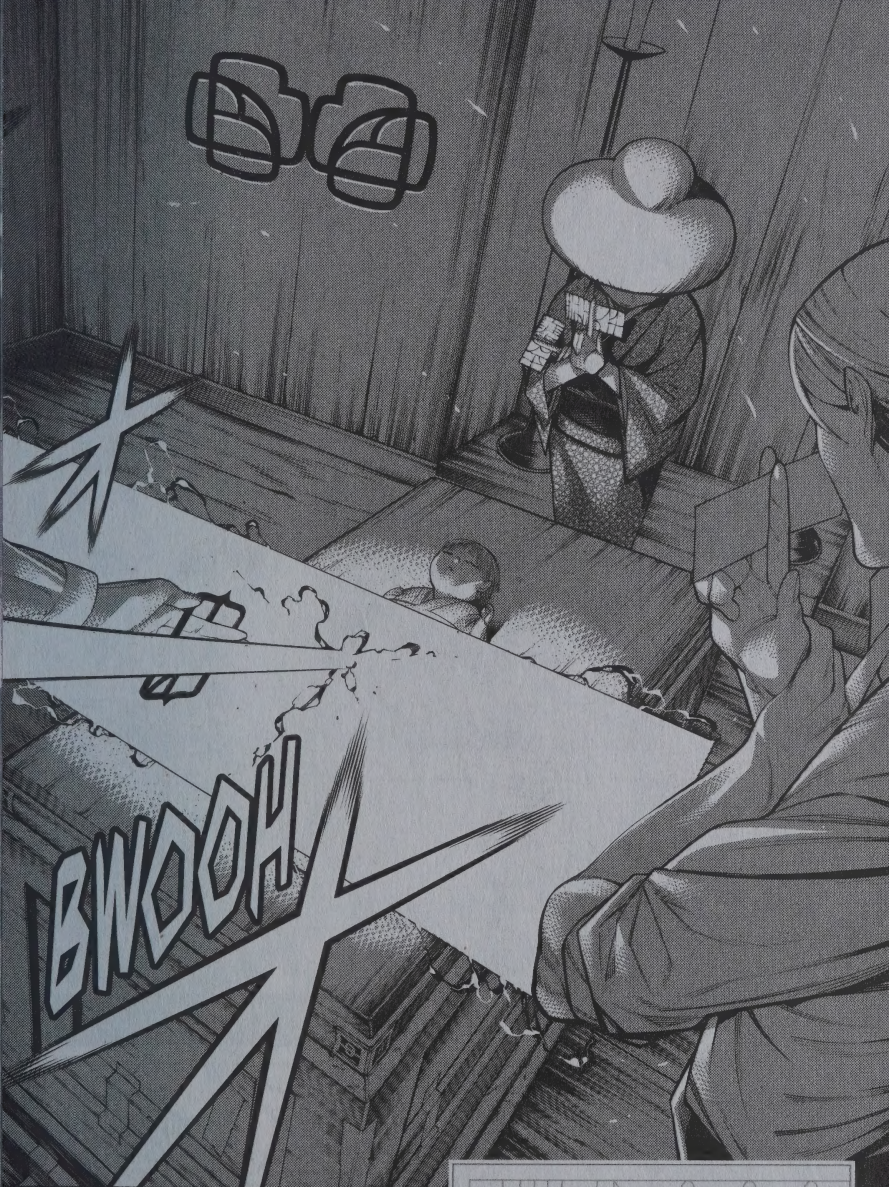
WE'LL
USE MY
IKUTACHI
TO OPEN
THE GATE
TO THE
LAND
OF THE
DEAD...

TSUJI'S
AME NO
NORIGOTO
TO STOP
THE COR-
RUPTION...

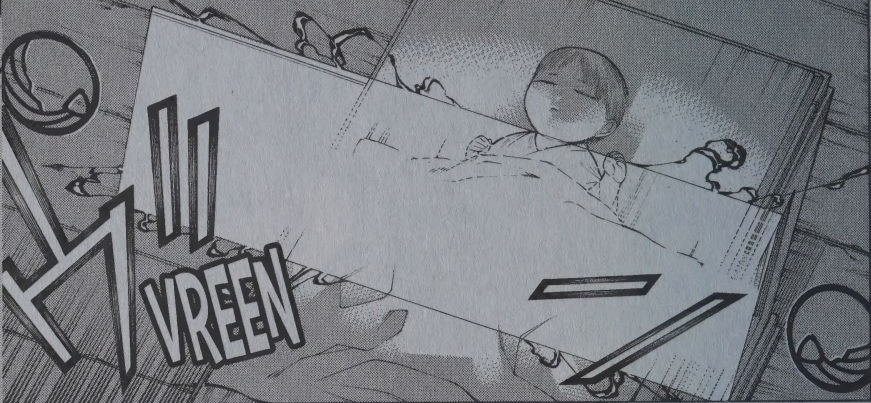


AND
YACHIMATA'S
IKUYUMIYA
TO FISH OUT
THE CHILD'S
SOUL.



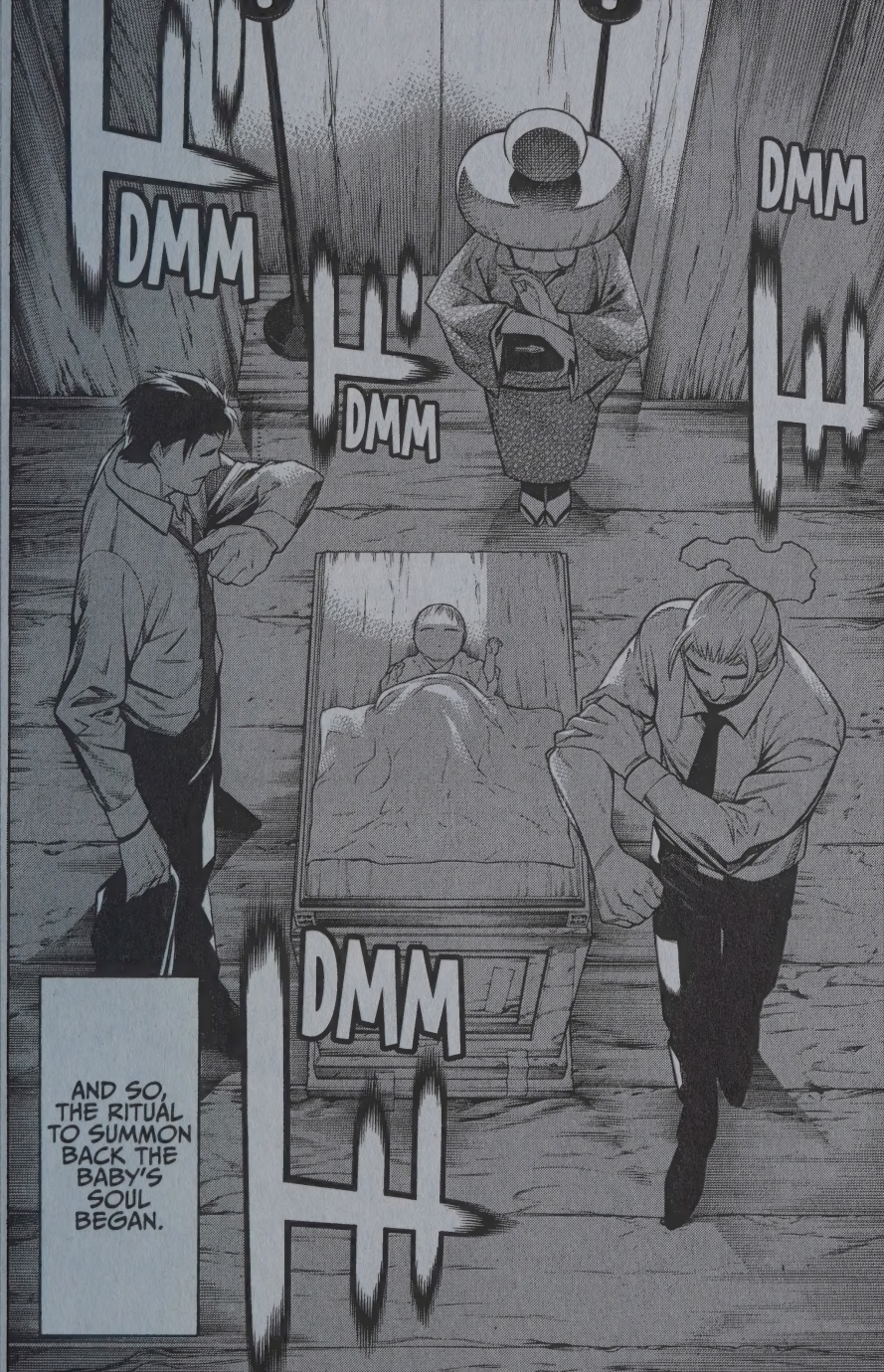


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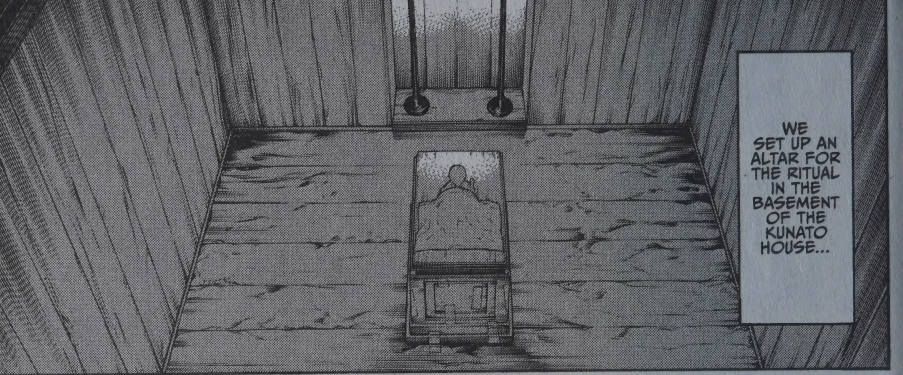
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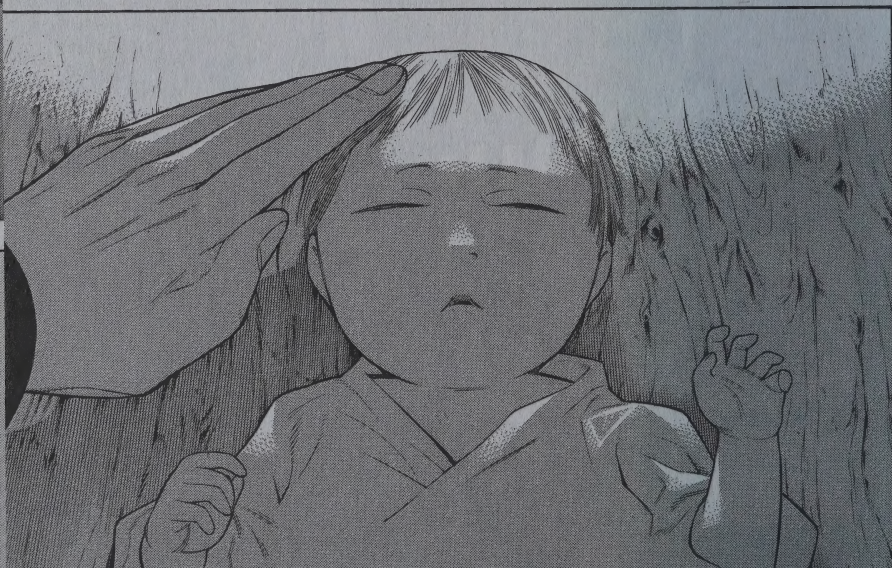
AND SO,
THE RITUAL
TO SUMMON
BACK THE
BABY'S
SOUL
BEGAN.

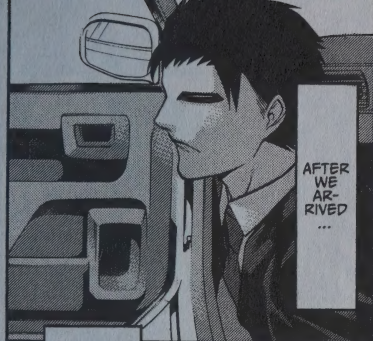


WE
SET UP AN
ALTAR FOR
THE RITUAL
IN THE
BASEMENT
OF THE
KUNATO
HOUSE...



AND
INSTRUCTED
EVERYONE
OBORO-SAN
HAD GATHERED
TO PRAY IN
THE MAIN HALL
ABOVEGROUND.

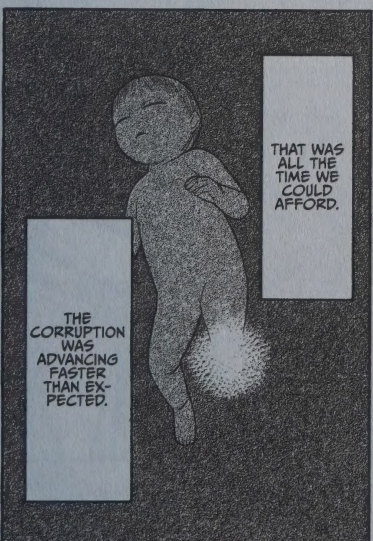




AFTER
WE
AR-
RIVED



WE SPENT
THE ENTIRE
DAY DIS-
CUSSING
HOW TO
SAVE HER.



THE
CORRUPTION
WAS
ADVANCING
FASTER
THAN EX-
PECTED.

THAT WAS
ALL THE
TIME WE
COULD
AFFORD.



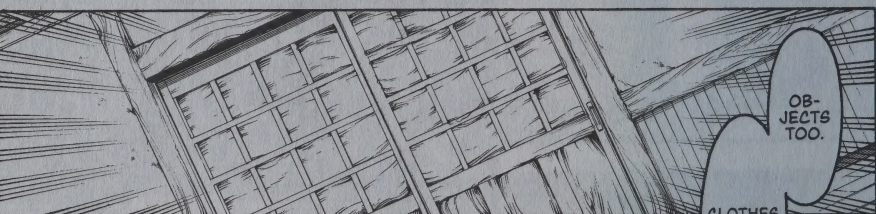


CALL
PEOPLE
OVER.

HER
RELATIVES,
HOW-
EVER
DIS-
TANT...

ANYONE
YOU'VE
MENTIONED
HER TO.

EVERY-
ONE WHO
KNOWS
ABOUT
HER.



OB-
JECTS
TOO.

CLOTHES
THAT
WERE
PREPARED
FOR HER.



BRING
EVERY-
THING
YOU CAN
THAT'S
HERS...

AND
PRAY!!

TOYS
WAITING
FOR
HER.



IT'LL
BE LIKE
GROPING IN
THE DARK,
SO I CAN'T
SAY THINGS
WILL WORK
OUT.

BUT
THE ODDS
OF SUCCESS
MAY
INCREASE
DEPENDING
ON YOU
AND HER
CLOSE FAMILY.

TSUJI,
YACHIMATA,
AND I HAVE
TO FIGURE
OUT EXACTLY
HOW WE'RE
GOING TO
SAVE HER.

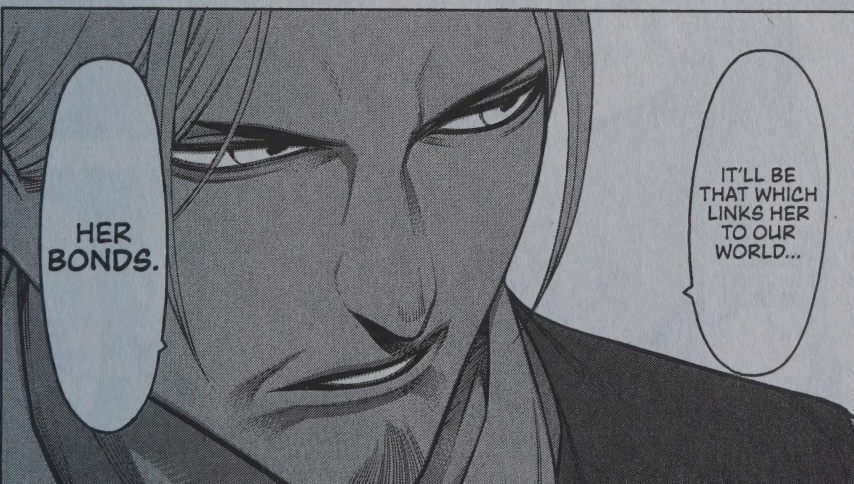
THIS IS A
NEW ONE
FOR US.

...



IF THERE'S
ONE THING WE
MAY NEED TO
GUIDE YOUR
LOST GRAND-
DAUGHTER
BACK TO THE
LAND OF THE
LIVING...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



HER
BONDS.

IT'LL BE
THAT WHICH
LINKS HER
TO OUR
WORLD...



YOU
HAVE
THE
BABY?

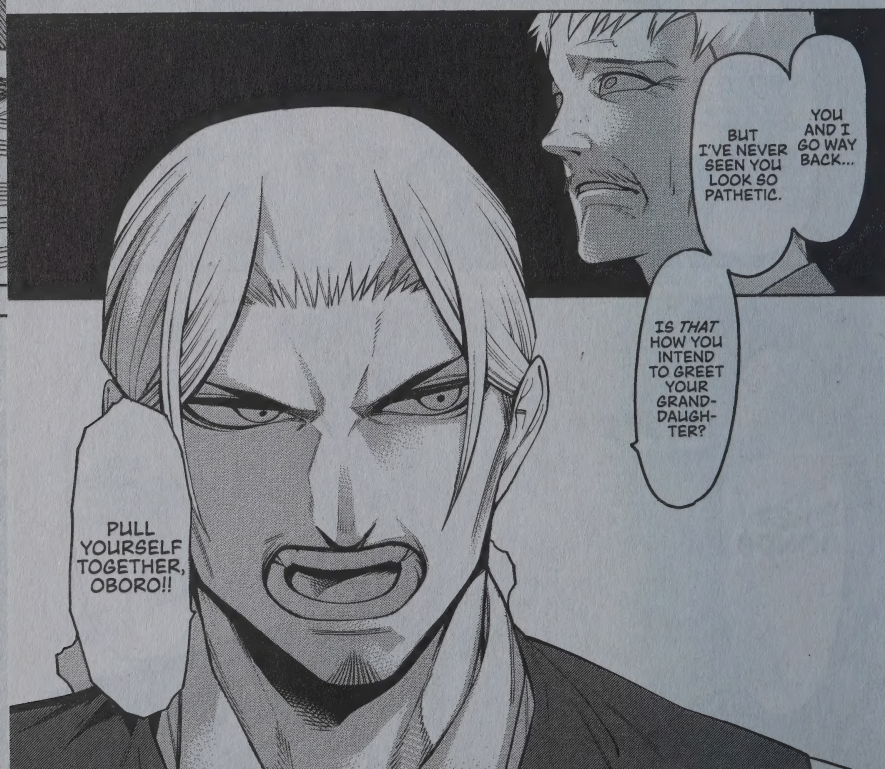
CAN
YOU
SAVE
HER?!

LIM...

NOT
YET.
THEY'RE
BRING-
ING
HER.



CHIEF!!



PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
OBORO!!

YOU
AND I
GO WAY
BACK...
BUT
I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU
LOOK SO
PATHETIC.

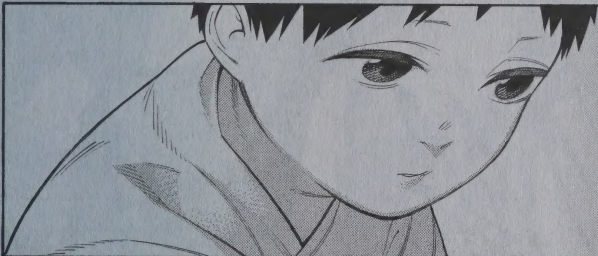
IS THAT
HOW YOU
INTEND
TO GREET
YOUR
GRAND-
DAUGH-
TER?



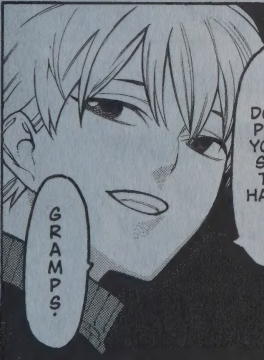
STAY
HERE AND
BEHAVE.
AND...

KEEP
YOUR
NOSES
OUT
OF IT,
OKAY?

URGENT
BUSINESS.
WE'RE
GOING TO BE
CONDUCT-
ING AN
IMPORTANT
RITUAL.

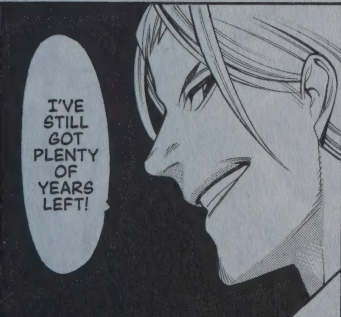


LOOK
AFTER
HYOMA.



GRAMP'S.

DON'T
PUSH
YOUR-
SELF
TOO
HARD...



I'VE
STILL
GOT
PLENTY
OF
YEARS
LEFT!



SURE
THING.

WE'LL
HANDLE
IT.

GRAND-
FATHER
...



COME,
BUREAU
OF TRADI-
TIONAL
MUSIC!

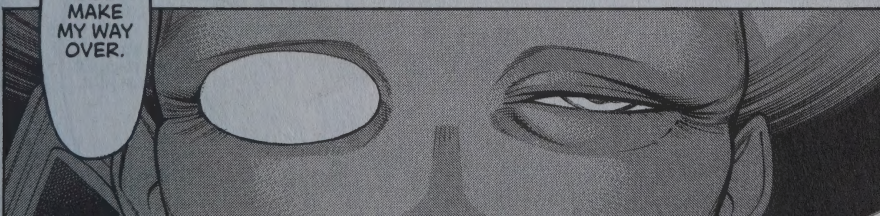
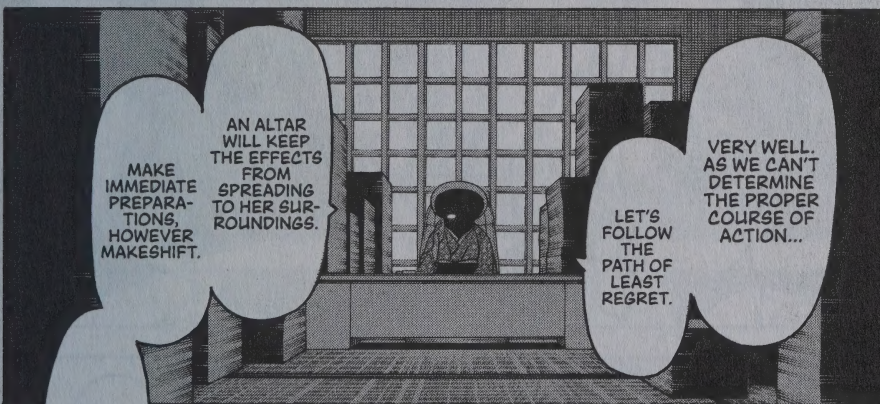
LET
US BE
PRESENT
FOR
THIS NEW
DAWN!!

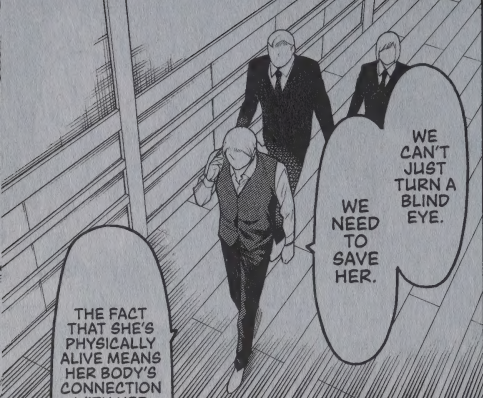
SHINE



SHOULD
THE SITU-
ATION CALL
FOR IT, I'LL
HAVE YOU
STEP IN...

KAI.

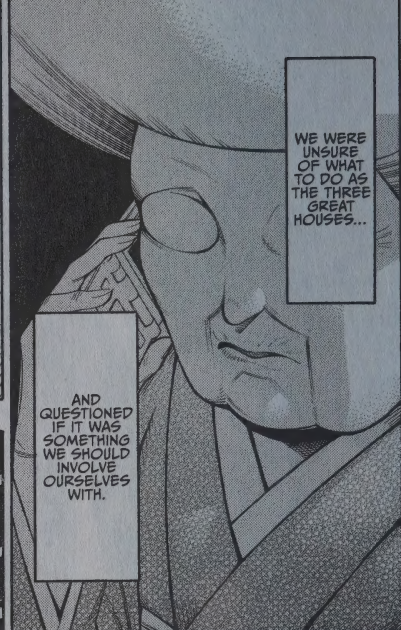




THE FACT
THAT SHE'S
PHYSICALLY
ALIVE MEANS
HER BODY'S
CONNECTION
WITH HER
SOUL IS
HANGING ON
BY A THREAD.

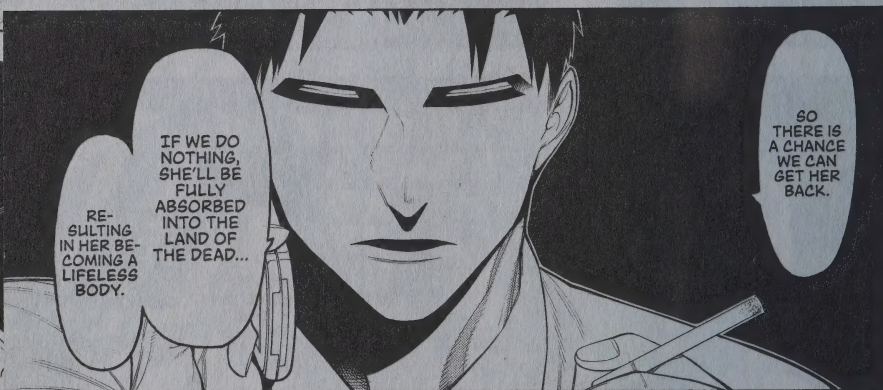
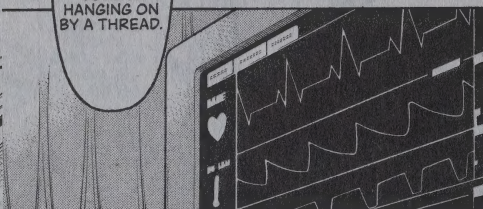
WE
NEED
TO
SAVE
HER.

WE
CAN'T
JUST
TURN A
BLIND
EYE.



WE WERE
UNSURE
OF WHAT
TO DO AS
THE THREE
GREAT
HOUSES...

AND
QUESTIONED
IF IT WAS
SOMETHING
WE SHOULD
INVOLVE
OURSELVES
WITH.



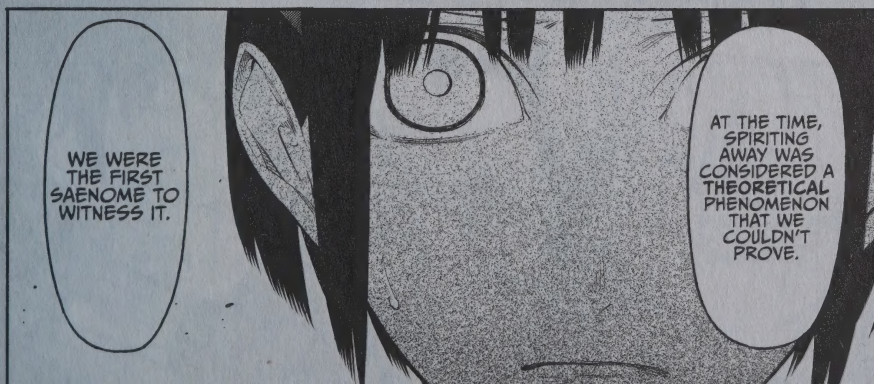
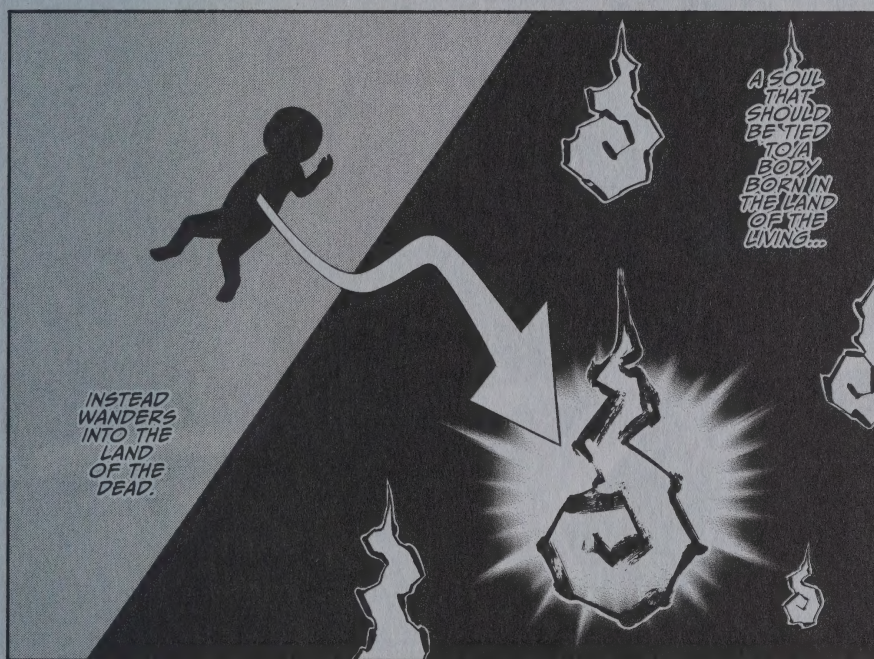
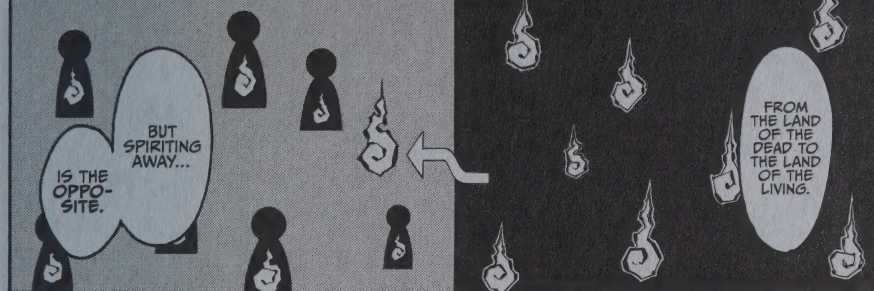
RE-
SULTING
IN HER BE-
COMING A
LIFELESS
BODY.

IF WE DO
NOTHING,
SHE'LL BE
FULLY
ABSORBED
INTO THE
LAND OF
THE DEAD...

SO
THERE IS
A CHANCE
WE CAN
GET HER
BACK.



I AGREE
WE SHOULD
HELP HER.



"SPIRITING
AWAY."

BY DEFINITION...

SPIRIT-
AWAY?! ING...

AND
FORM A
CONNECTION
WITH A
VESSEL.

TSUKU-
MOGAMI
ARISE
WHEN
MAREBITO
WANDER
INTO THE
LAND
OF THE
LIVING...



I'LL
HEAD
OVER
SOON...

AND I'LL
CALL FOR
TSUJI AND
YACHIMATA
TOO.

I
HEAR
YOU.

I'LL
GET THE
MINISTRY
OF
DIVINITIES
TO
CONTACT
THE
HOSPITAL.

WE'LL
HANDLE
THIS.



Even
though
this
shouldn't
be
possible
in the
natural
world
...

Every
word.
It's all
happen-
ing.

IS WHAT
YOU SAID
REALLY
TRUE?

IF IT'S
AN EMER-
GENCY,
I CAN GO
IN HIS
STEAD.

OUR
CLAN
HEAD
IS OUT
ON AN
EXPEDI-
TION.



There's
no
precedent
for this,
so I
can't
say for
sure...

but this
phenom-
enon is
probab-
ly...

judg-
ing by
the
situation,
this must
be handled
by Saenome.

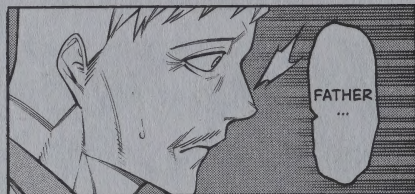
MOST
NOTABLY,
THERE WAS
NOTHING
BELOW ITS
LEFT ANKLE.

IT DIDN'T
RESPOND
TO SOUND,
AND ITS
EYES WERE
HOLLOW.

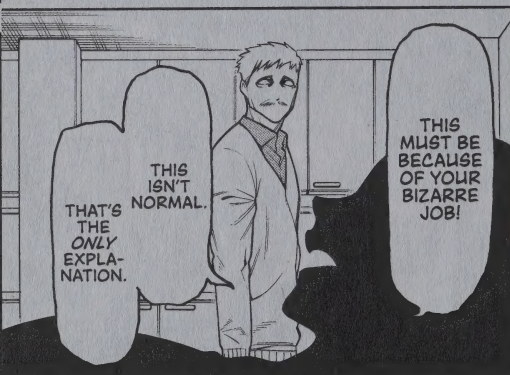


THE
NEWBORN
WAS UN-
MISTAKABLY
ALIVE.

HOW-
EVER
...



FATHER
...



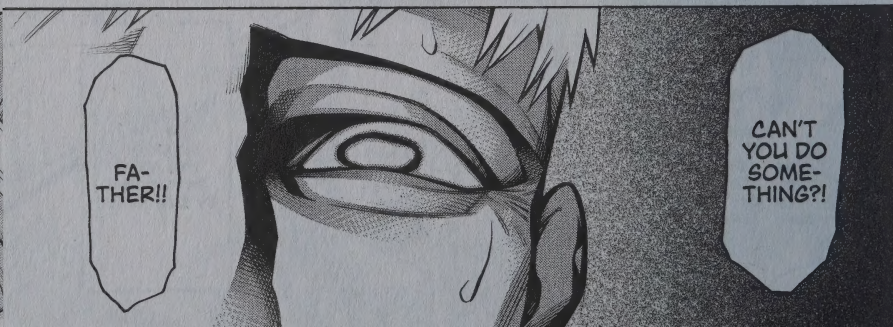
THAT'S
THE
ONLY
EXPLA-
NATION.

THIS
ISN'T
NORMAL.

THIS
MUST BE
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
BIZARRE
JOB!

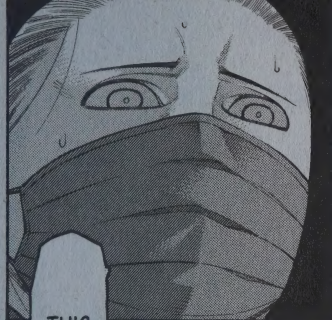


IT
CAN'T
BE!



FA-
THER!!

CAN'T
YOU DO
SOME-
THING?!



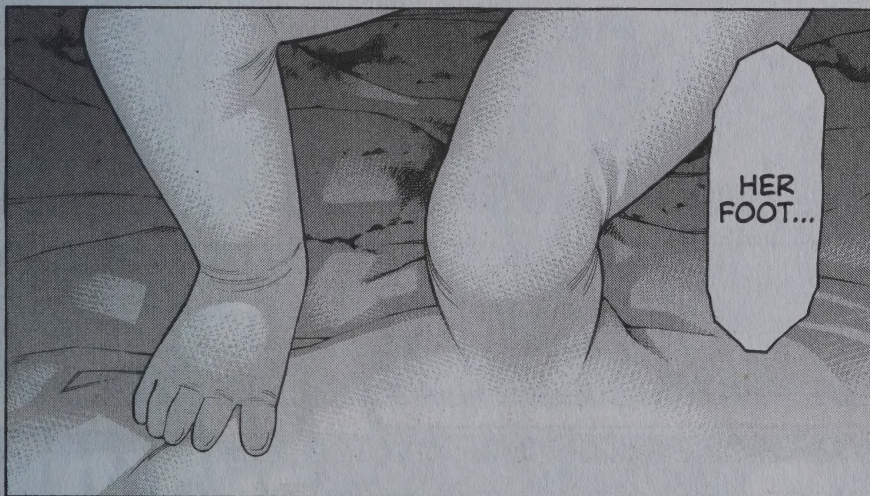
THIS
BABY...



I...

WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?!

IT'S
JUST...

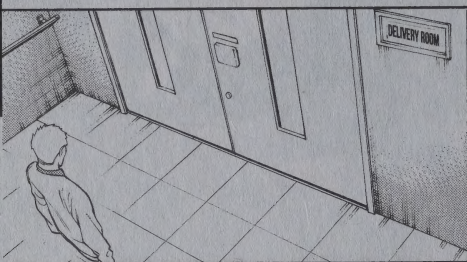
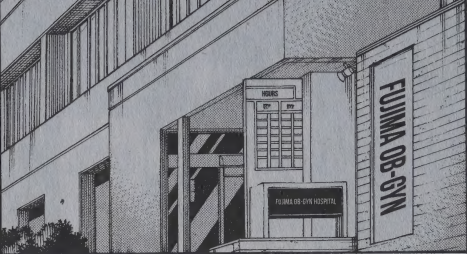


HER
FOOT...



WHAT
IS THIS
...?!

WHAT
...?

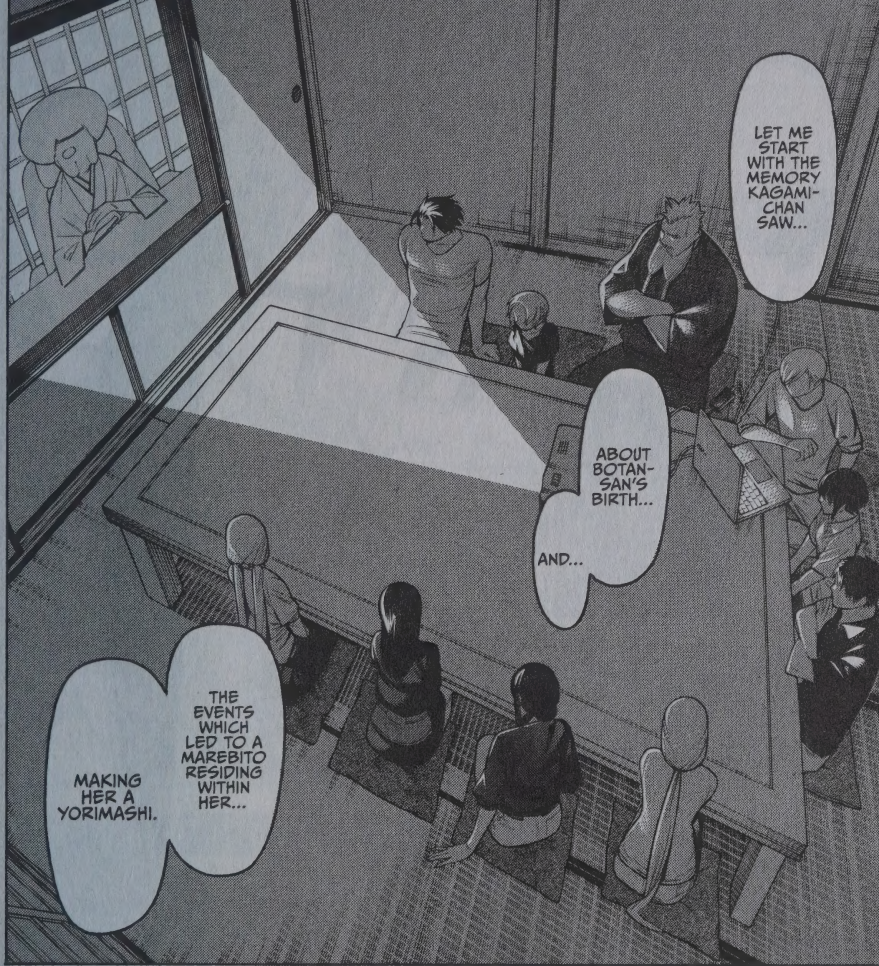


AN
INCIDENT
TOOK
PLACE JUST
AFTER HIS
RETIRE-
MENT...

WHEN
BOTAN-
SAN WAS
BORN.

DELIVERY ROOM





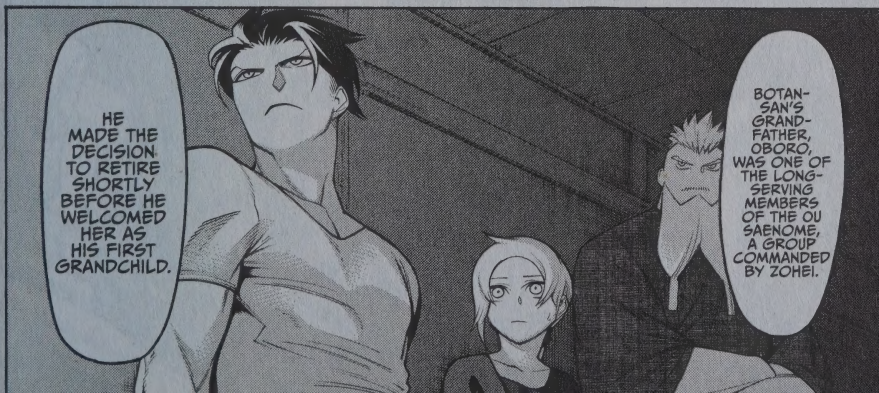
LET ME
START
WITH THE
MEMORY
KAGAMI-
CHAN
SAW...

ABOUT
BOTAN-
SAN'S
BIRTH...

AND...

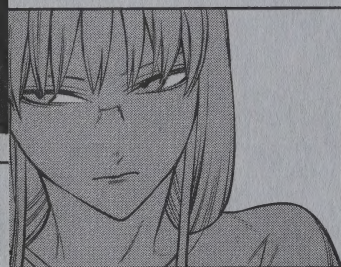
MAKING
HER A
YORIMASHI.

THE
EVENTS
WHICH
LED TO A
MAREBITO
RESIDING
WITHIN
HER...



HE
MADE THE
DECISION
TO RETIRE
SHORTLY
BEFORE HE
WELCOMED
HER AS
HIS FIRST
GRANDCHILD.

BOTAN-
SAN'S
GRAND-
FATHER,
OBORO,
WAS ONE OF
THE LONG-
SERVING
MEMBERS
OF THE OU
SAENOME,
A GROUP
COMMANDED
BY ZOHEI.



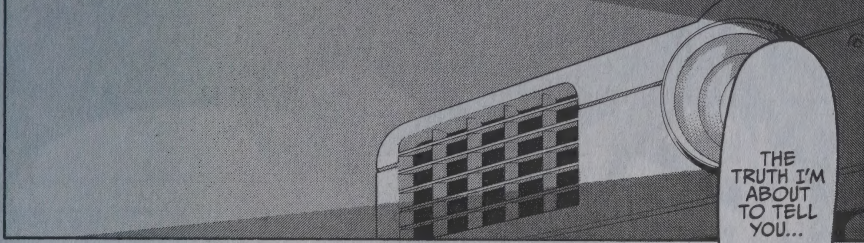
VERY
WELL.



YES.

PLEASE
EXPLAIN
EVERY-
THING...

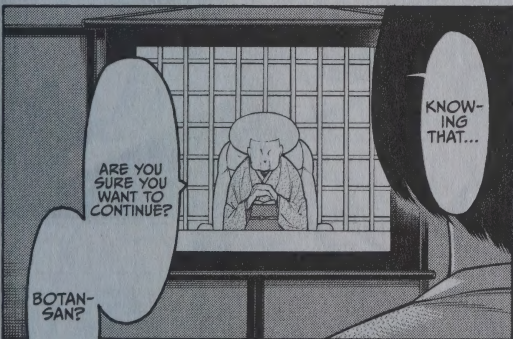
HOJO-
SAN.



THE
TRUTH I'M
ABOUT
TO TELL
YOU...



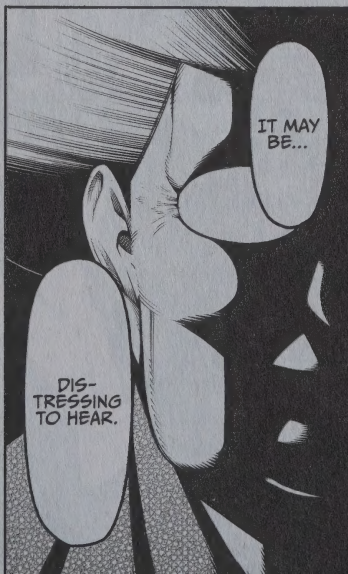
MAY
VERY WELL
BE THE
IMPETUS
FOR THE
MANY OC-
CURRENCES
AROUND
YOU WHEN
YOU WERE
YOUNG.



KNOW-
ING
THAT...

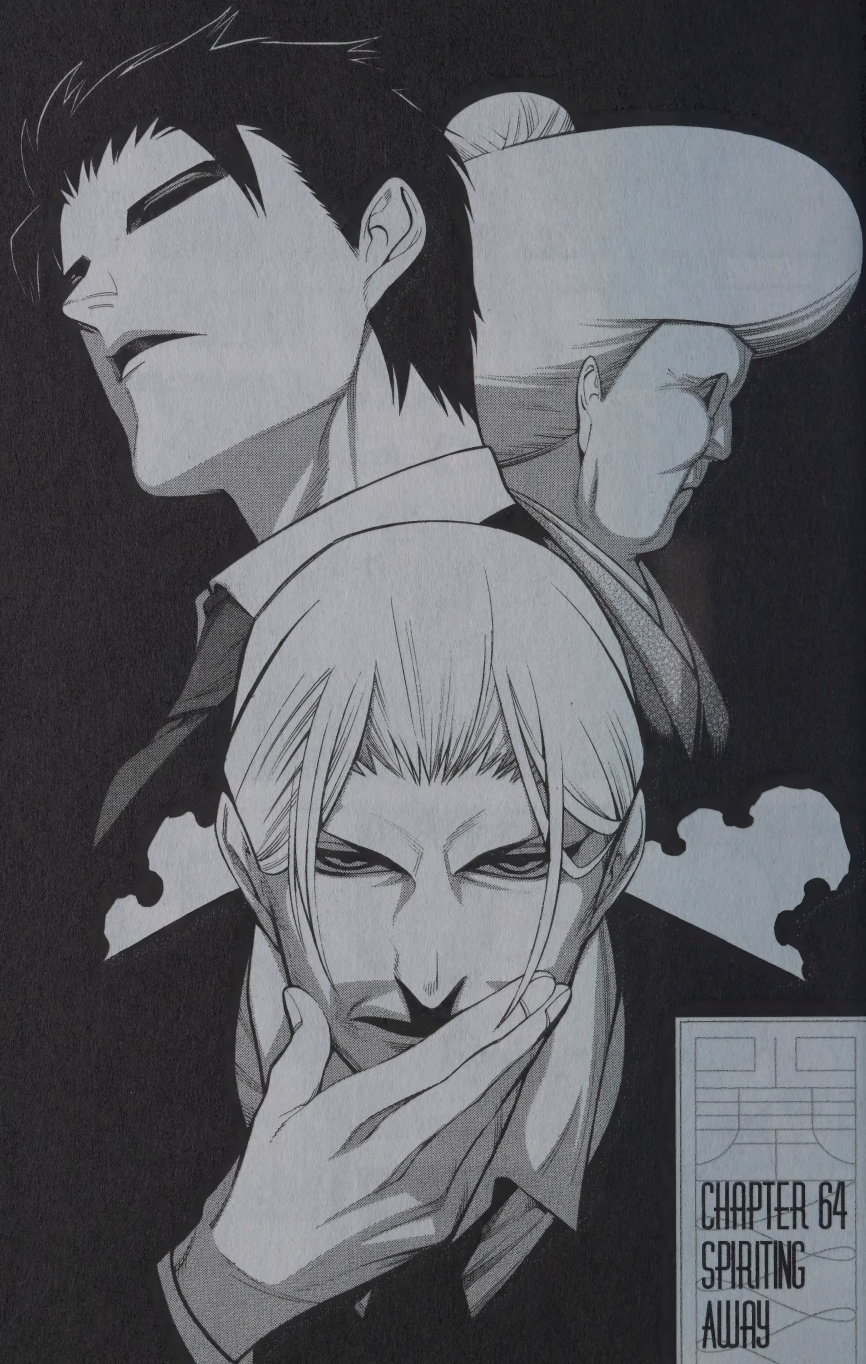
ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO
CONTINUE?

BOTAN-
SAN?

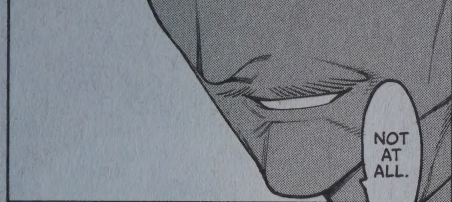


IT MAY
BE...

DIS-
TRESSING
TO HEAR.



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AWAY

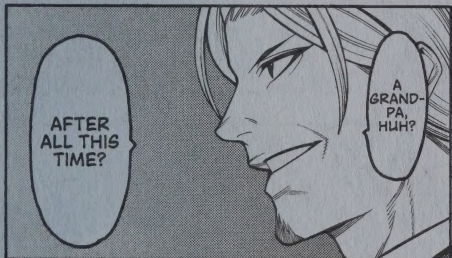


NOT
AT
ALL.



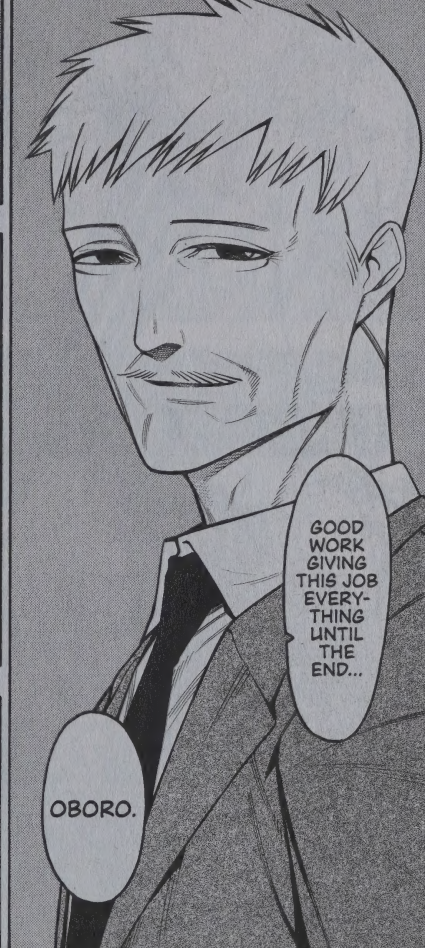
BECAUSE
OF THAT,
I CAN
ENJOY
MY NEW
LIFE AS A
GRANDPA.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
THE ONE
HANDLING
THE
FIGHTING.



AFTER
ALL THIS
TIME?

A
GRAND-
PA,
HUH?



GOOD
WORK
GIVING
THIS JOB
EVERY-
THING
UNTIL
THE
END...

OBORO.



ONCE
I RETIRE,
I CAN SEE
MYSELF WITH
MY GRAND-
DAUGHTER
ON MY LAP,
TELLING HER
STORIES OF
SPIRITS TO
PASS THE
TIME.

YES.

IT'S
NOT
YOUR
FAULT.

YOU'VE
WANDERED
INTO A
WORLD THAT
DOESN'T
SUIT YOU.

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REST
ASSURED,
WE WILL
SEND YOU
BACK TO
THE LAND
OF THE DEAD.

KREEE

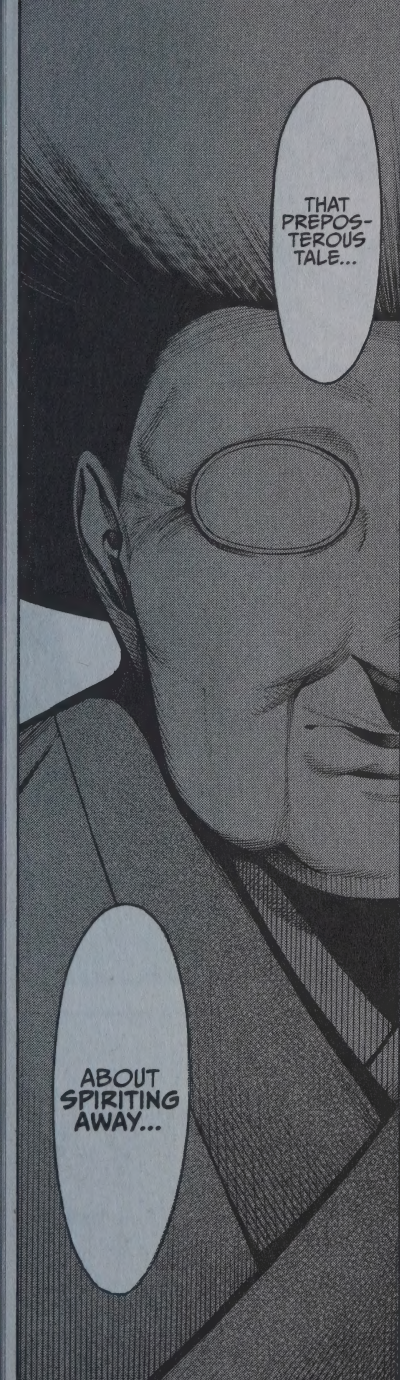
HAVE A
GOOD,
LONG
SLUMBER.

PAT

SIMPLY
EXOR-
CISING A
SPIRIT
ISN'T
ENOUGH.

CORRECTLY
GUIDING
LOST
MAREBITO
IS THE
DUTY OF A
SAENOME.

FWN

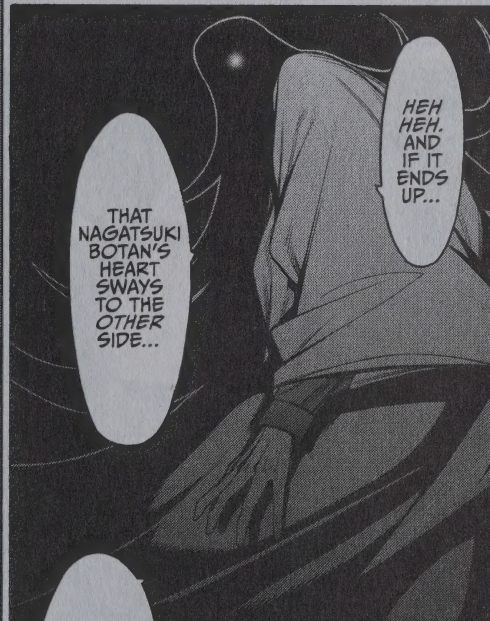
A large, close-up, black and white illustration of an older man with glasses. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and textured.

THAT
PREPOS-
TEROUS
TALE...

A black and white illustration of a person's face, partially obscured by their hand covering their mouth. They appear to be in a state of shock or surprise.

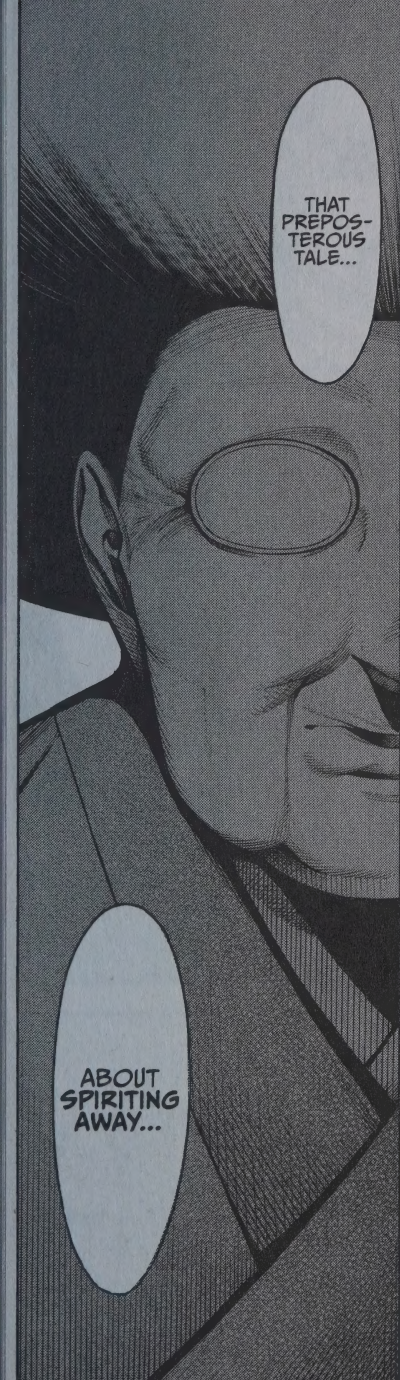
THE
TIME
HAS
COME
TO
DO
SO.

YES.

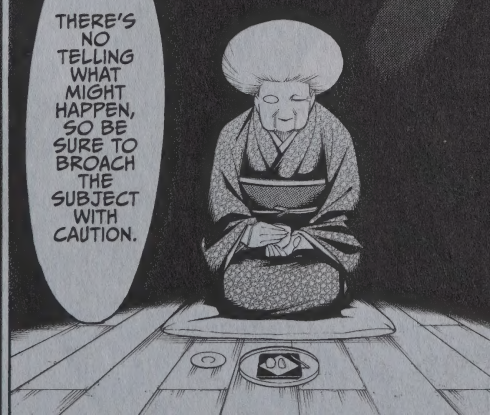
A black and white illustration of a person in a dark, possibly underground setting. The person is wearing a long robe and has their hand near their face. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows.

THAT
NAGATSUKI
BOTAN'S
HEART
SWAYS
TO THE
OTHER
SIDE...

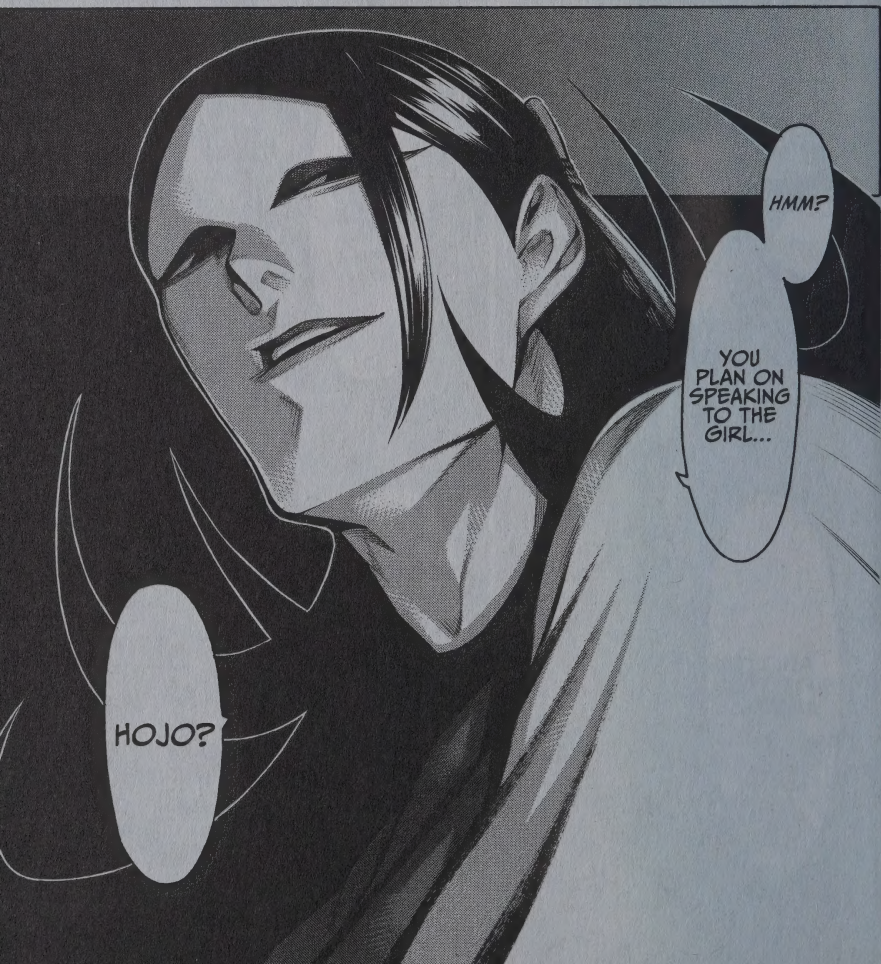
HEH
HEH.
AND
IF IT
ENDS
UP...

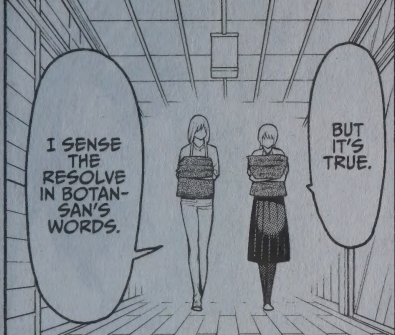
A large, close-up, black and white illustration of the same older man with glasses. He is looking down with a somber expression.

ABOUT
SPIRITING
AWAY...

A black and white illustration of an elderly woman with a large, white, cloud-like hairdo. She is sitting cross-legged on a wooden floor, wearing a patterned kimono. She has a small, sad smile. In front of her are two small circular objects on the floor.

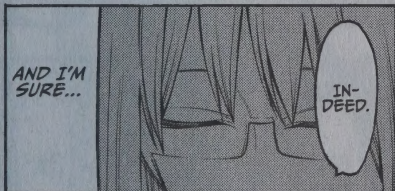
THERE'S
NO
TELLING
WHAT
MIGHT
HAPPEN,
SO BE
SURE TO
BROACH
THE
SUBJECT
WITH
CAUTION.





I SENSE
THE
RESOLVE
IN BOTAN-
SAN'S
WORDS.

BUT
IT'S
TRUE.



AND I'M
SURE...

IN-
DEED.

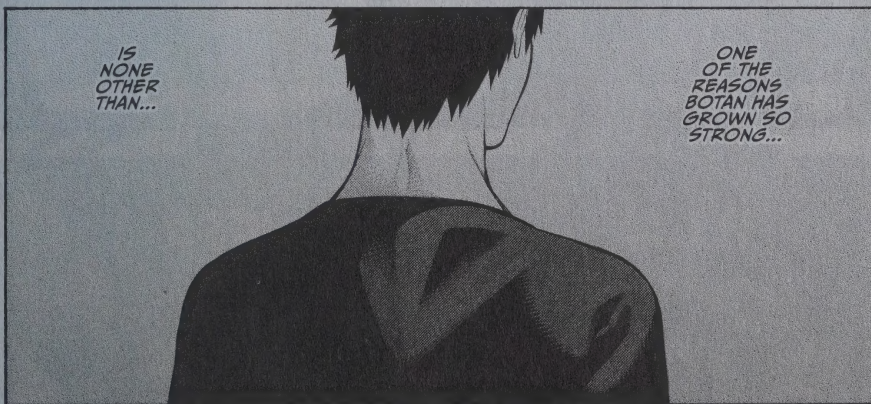


NO,
IT'S
FINE.

I
APPRE-
CIATE
YOUR
CON-
CERN.

I'M
SOR-
RY.

I WAS
IN NO
POSITION
TO
BRING
IT UP.



IS
NONE
OTHER
THAN...

ONE
OF THE
REASONS
BOTAN HAS
GROWN SO
STRONG...



HUH?

DÉJÀ
VU!

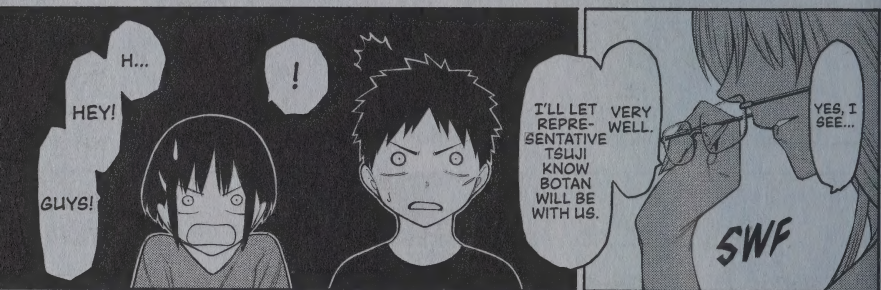
OH?

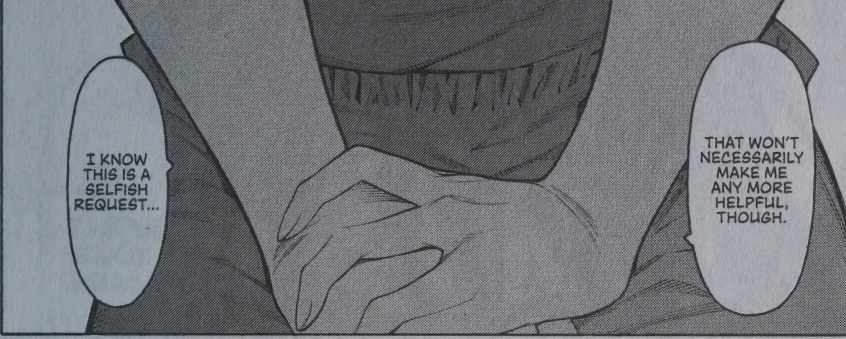
ABOUT
WHAT
YOU'RE
GOING
TO ASK
REPRE-
SENTATIVE
TSUJI...
WILL
BOTAN-
SAN...



OH!

HAORI-
SAN!



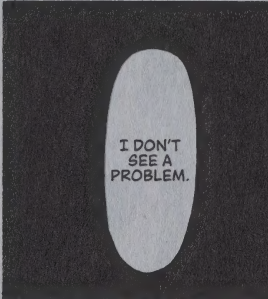


I KNOW
THIS IS A
SELFISH
REQUEST...

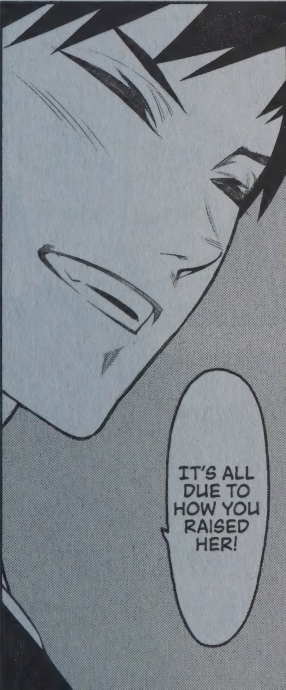
THAT WON'T
NECESSARILY
MAKE ME
ANY MORE
HELPFUL,
THOUGH.



HUH
...?



I DON'T
SEE A
PROBLEM.



IT'S ALL
DUE TO
HOW YOU
RAISED
HER!



SHE
CAN
HANDLE
IT.

NAGA-
TSUKI
DOWRY
...

SHE'S
FAR
MORE
MATURE
THAN
YOU
THINK.



NO
MORE
HIDING
YOUR
SCARS.

IN ORDER
TO LEARN
ABOUT
EVERYONE
FIGHTING
FOR ME...

I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE
ABOUT
MYSELF.



I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN THE
ONE BEING
PROTECT-
ED.

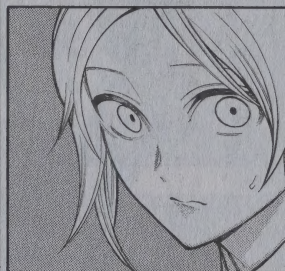
FROM
WANDERING
TOO CLOSE
TO THE
OTHER
SIDE...

AND FROM
GETTING
ANY MORE
HURT
BY THE
TRUTH...

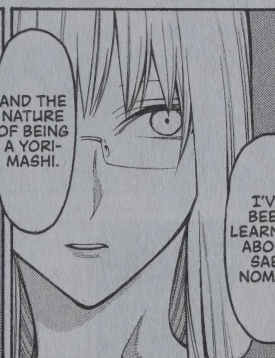
THAT
I'M NO
ORDI-
NARY
HUMAN.



BO-
TAN...



I'VE
FINALLY
BEEN
LEARNING
THINGS
FOR
MYSELF.



AND THE
NATURE
OF BEING
A YORI-
MASHI.

I'VE
BEEN
LEARNING
ABOUT
SAE-
NOME...



BESIDES
THE FACT
THAT YOU
ALL ARE
TSUKU-
MOGAMI...



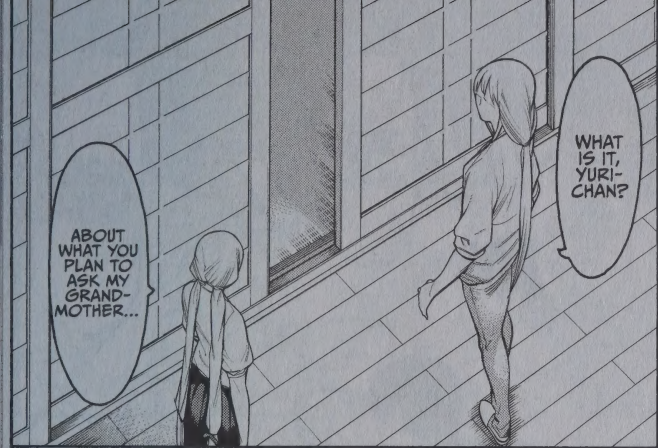
AND
STAY
SHEL-
TERED.

WITH
THINGS
THE WAY
THEY ARE,
I CAN'T
JUST SIT
BACK...

AND
GOTTEN
HURT
DOING
SO.

ALL
THIS TIME,
YOU'VE HAD
TO FIGHT
BECAUSE
OF WHAT
I AM...



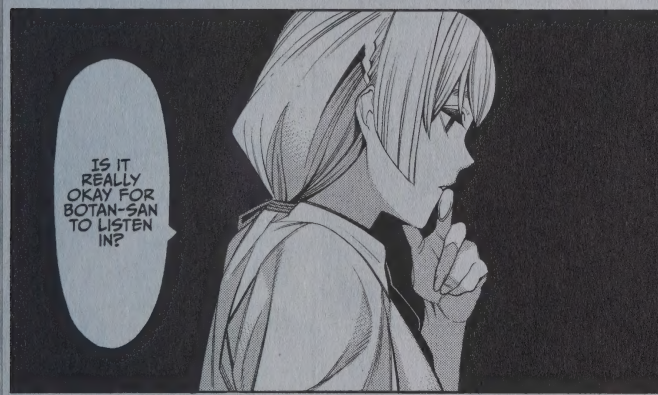


ABOUT
WHAT YOU
PLAN TO
ASK MY
GRAND-
MOTHER...

WHAT
IS IT,
YURI-
CHAN?



HAORI-
SAN.



IS IT
REALLY
OKAY FOR
BOTAN-SAN
TO LISTEN
IN?

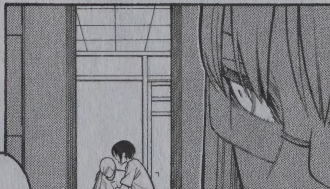
I BELIEVE
IT IS
EXTREMELY
LIKELY THAT
THE TRUTH
WILL BE
QUITE
CRUEL.

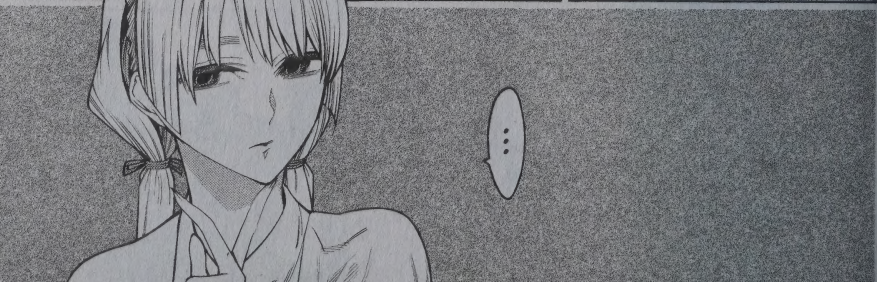
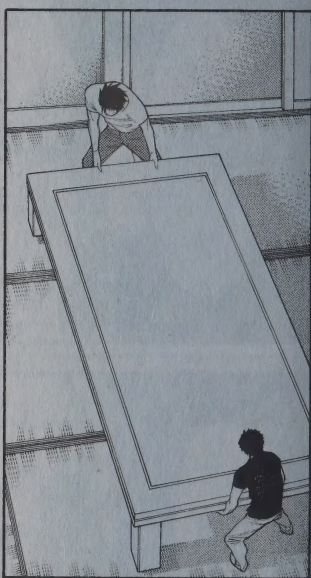
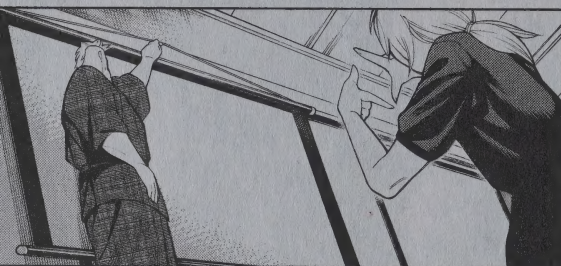
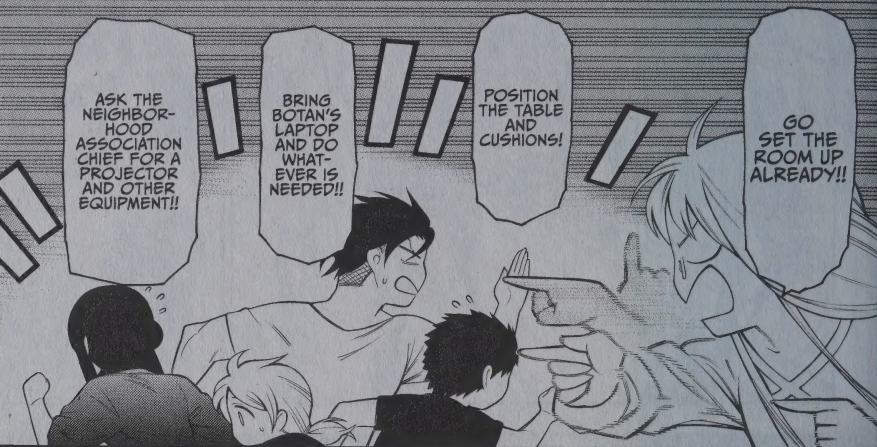


SOME
OF US
WON-
DERED
THE
SAME.

YOU
AREN'T
THE ONLY
ONE
WHO'S
WOR-
RIED.

HON-
EST-
LY...







IF YOU'RE
DONE TALKING,
WE HAVE
PREPARATIONS
TO FINISH IN
THE LIVING
ROOM!

HEY,
COME
ON,
NOW!

AFTER
A STORM
COMES
THE CALM,
IS IT?



ONLY
FOR A
BRIEF
MOMENT,
BUT...

THE
LIVING
GOD AP-
PEARED
AGAIN.

YURI-
CHAN,
HAVE
YOU
HEARD?

WHILE
YOU WERE
BACK AT
THE TSUJI
HOUSE-
HOLD...



PREPA-
RA-
TIONS?

OH,
YES.

FOR MY
GRAND-
MOTHER.



IN TWO
HOURS.

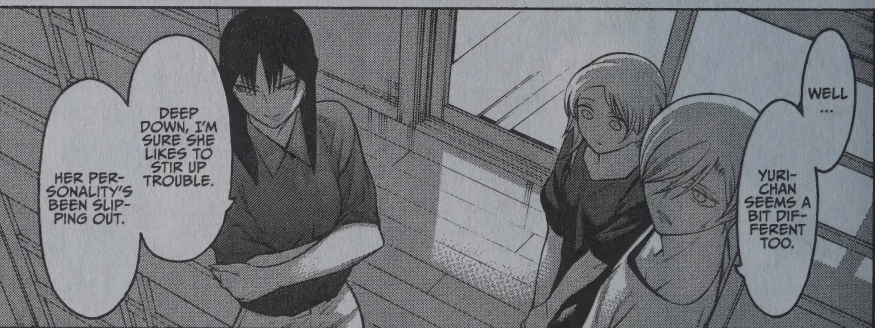
WE'RE
HAVING
A
CALL....

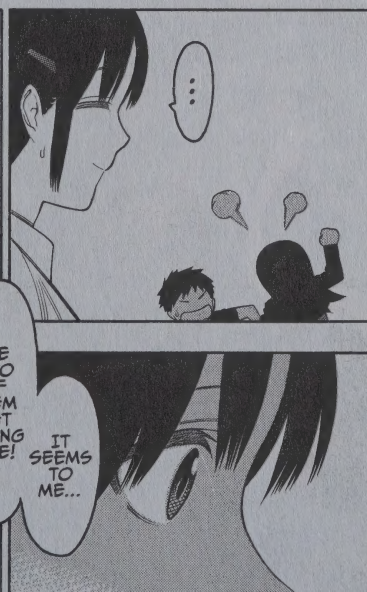
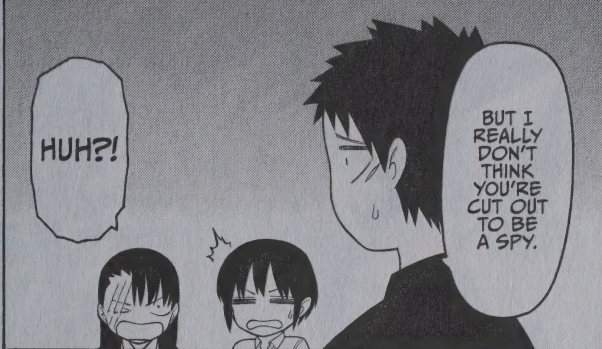
FOR
INFORMA-
TION ABOUT
BOTAN'S
CONDITION
AND THE
LIVING GOD.

WE'LL
BE
ASKING
REPRE-
SENTA-
TIVE
TSUJI...



WHAT
?!

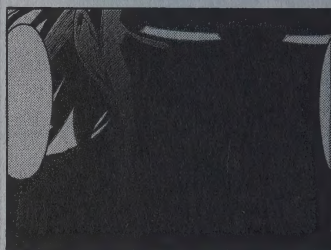
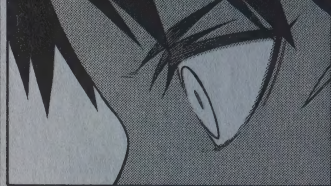




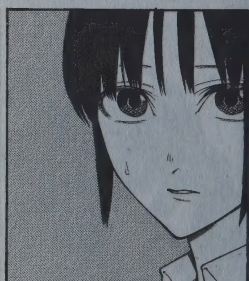


YOU
WERE
FOCUSED
ON
FULFILLING
YOUR
DUTIES.

THAT'S
ALL
THERE
IS TO
IT.



SU-
MIRE-
CHAN
...





THIS
TIME,
THE
ONE I
MANIPU-
LATED
THE
MOST...

WAS
YOU.



REGARD-
LESS,
EVERY-
THING'S
SORTED.
YOU'RE
COMING
BACK AS
A GUARD,
RIGHT?

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT?



AND
CAUSED
YOU TO
GET
HURT.

DROVE
YOU INTO
A COR-
NER...

CON-
FUSED
YOU...

I GOT
YOU IN-
VOLVED
...



HYOMA.

I'M SO
SORRY...

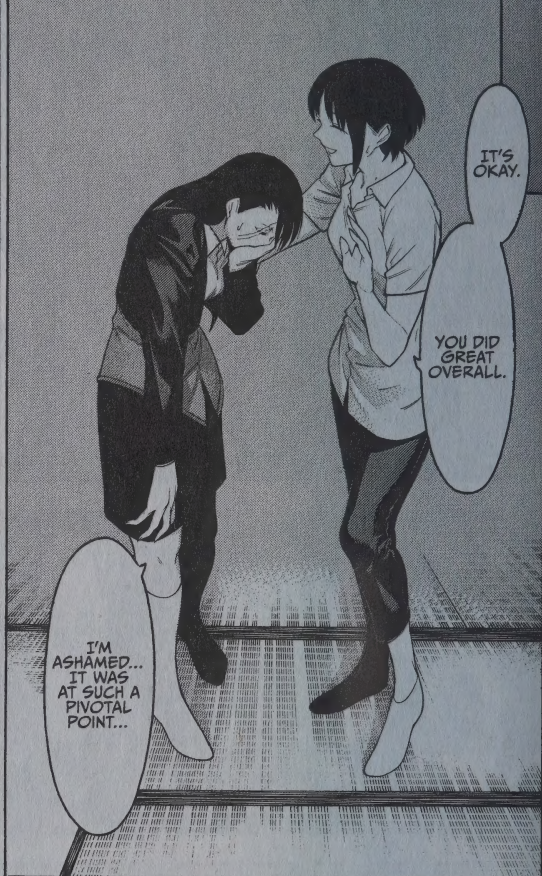


Y-YOU
GOT THE
MESSAGE
ACROSS,
SO DON'T
BEAT
YOURSELF
UP.



!

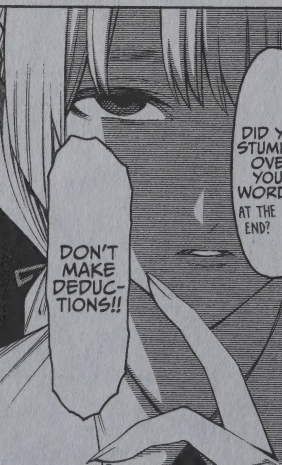
RELIEF AND
NERVES...
MESSAGE...



IT'S
OKAY.

YOU DID
GREAT
OVERALL.

I'M
ASHAMED...
IT WAS
AT SUCH A
PIVOTAL
POINT...



DON'T
MAKE
DEDUCTIONS!!

DID YOU
STUMBLE
OVER
YOUR
WORDS?
AT THE
END?

SU-
MIRE-
SAN...



?!

COMPOSED

DIDN'T
YOU
CALL
FOR ME?!

WELL,
WELL, IF
IT ISN'T
HYOMA.

SHE
WORKS
HER-
SELF
UP...

AND
TENDS
TO MAKE
MIS-
TAKES...

WHAP!

WAA HA HA HA!!

MUST'VE
BEEN A
MIX OF
RELIEF
AND
NERVES...
SORRY!

MAN...

THAT'S
HOW IT
ENDS?

HYOMA-
KUN,
SHE
WANTS
TO SEE
YOU
NEXT.

OH,
WE'RE
DONE,
BY THE
WAY.

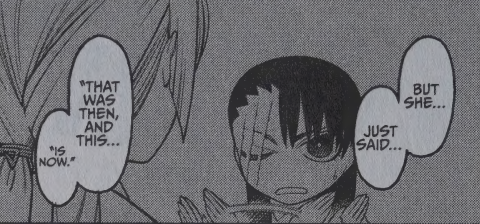
WHAT A
JOKE-
STER.

GO
ON!

Y-
YURI-
CHAN
?!

HUH?

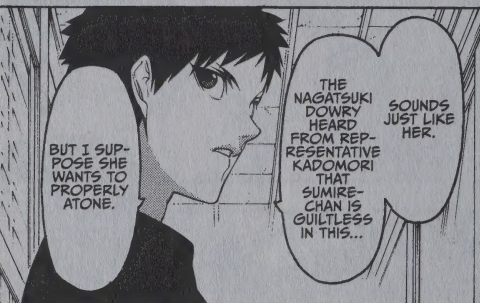
ME?
WHAT
FOR?



"THAT
WAS
THEN,
AND
THIS...
"IS
NOW."

JUST
SAID...

BUT
SHE...



BUT I SUP-
POSE SHE
WANTS TO
PROPERLY
ATONE.

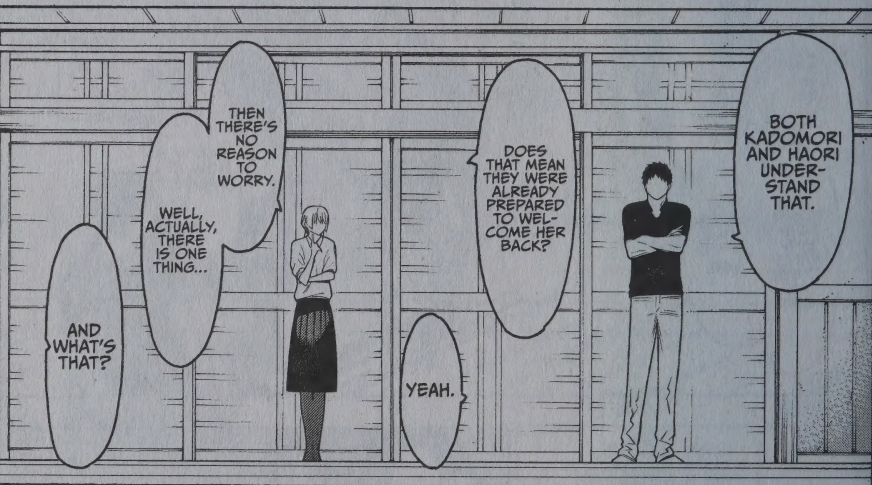
THE
NAGATSUKI
DOWRY
HEARD
FROM REP-
RESENTATIVE
KADOMORI
THAT
SUMIRE-
CHAN IS
GUILTLESS
IN THIS...

SOUNDS
JUST LIKE
HER.



I TOLD
SUMIRE-
SAN SHE
HAS NO
NEED TO
BEAR THE
BURDEN
ALONE.

MY
GRAND-
MOTHER
ALSO
WROTE THE
NAGATSUKI
FAMILY A
FORMAL
LETTER OF
APOLOGY.



THEN
THERE'S
NO
REASON
TO
WORRY.

WELL,
ACTUALLY,
THERE
IS ONE
THING...

AND
WHAT'S
THAT?

DOES
THAT MEAN
THEY WERE
ALREADY
PREPARED
TO WEL-
COME HER
BACK?

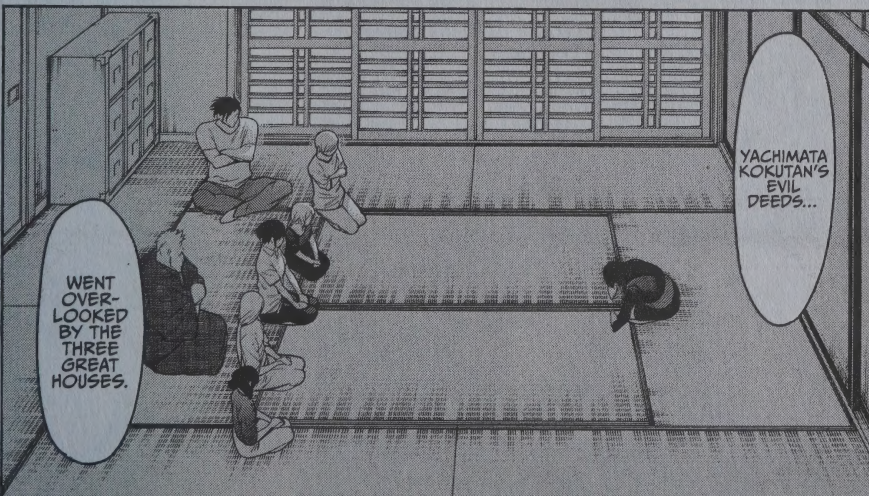
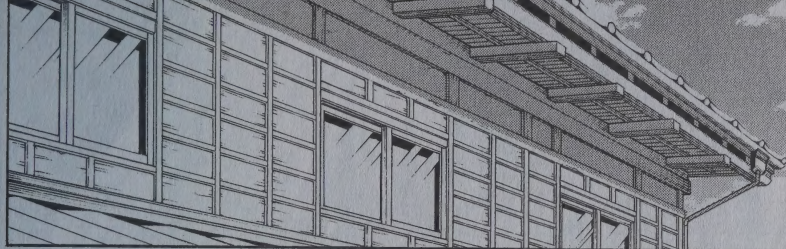
YEAH.

BOTH
KADOMORI
AND HAORI
UNDER-
STAND
THAT.



I NOTICED
A PATTERN
OF HERS.

HAVING
STAYED WITH
HER AT THE
TSUJI HOUSE
FOR THREE
DAYS...

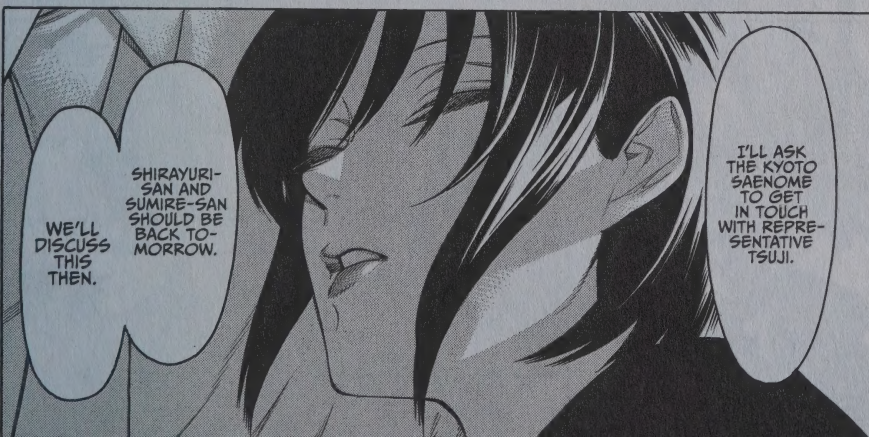
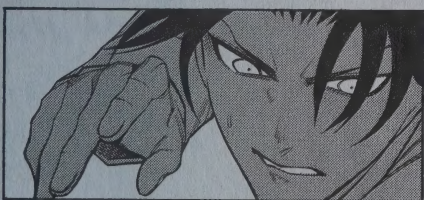


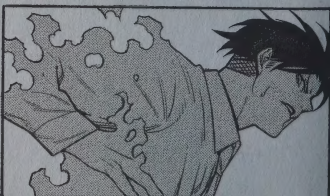
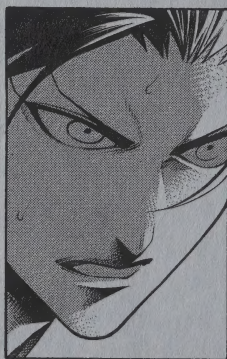
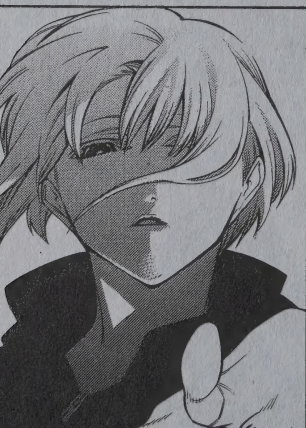
WENT
OVER-
LOOKED
BY THE
THREE
GREAT
HOUSES.

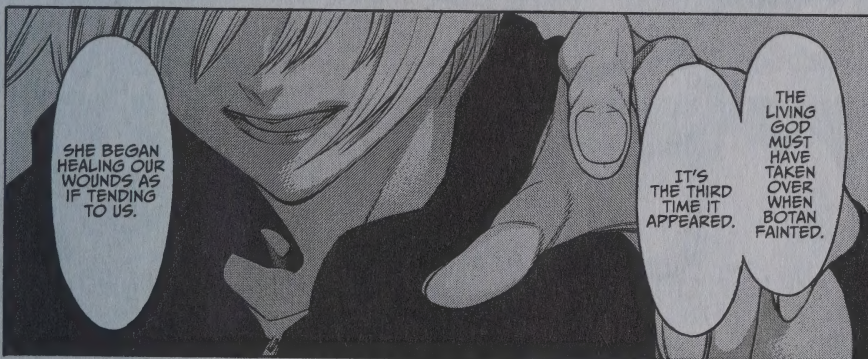
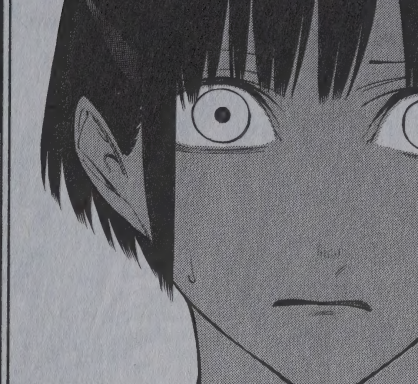
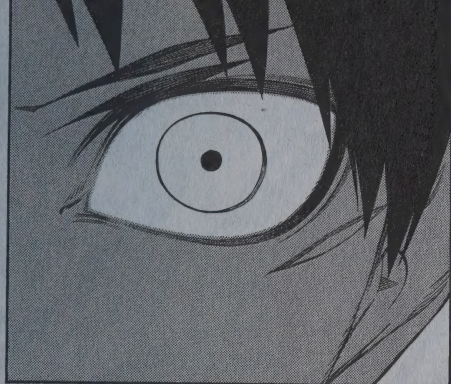
YACHIMATA
KOKUTAN'S
EVIL
DEEDS...



CHAPTER 63
SOLIDARITY







SHE BEGAN
HEALING OUR
WOUNDS AS
IF TENDING
TO US.

IT'S
THE THIRD
TIME IT
APPEARED.

THE
LIVING
GOD
MUST
HAVE
TAKEN
OVER
WHEN
BOTAN
FAINTED.



SOME-
THING'S
GOING ON
WITH BOTAN
RIGHT THIS
MOMENT!!

LIKE A
BOLT
FROM
THE
BLUE.

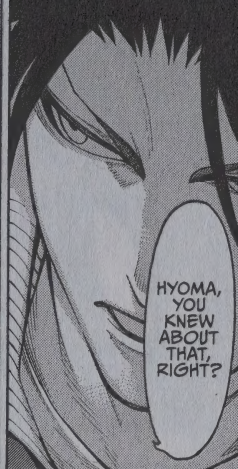
IT WAS
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
LAST TWO
TIMES.



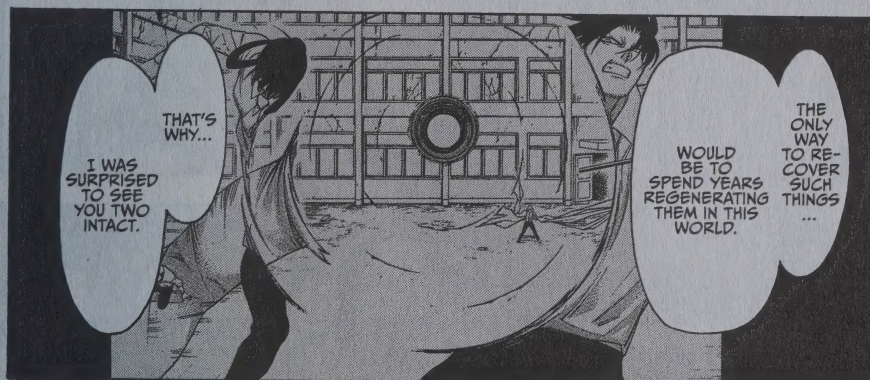


ANYTHING
ERASED BY
IKUTACHI AND
IKUYUMIYA IS
FORCIBLY
EXPELLED
FROM THE
LAND OF
THE LIVING.

YEAH...



HYOMA,
YOU
KNEW
ABOUT
THAT,
RIGHT?



THAT'S
WHY...

I WAS
SURPRISED
TO SEE
YOU TWO
INTACT.

WOULD
BE TO
SPEND YEARS
REGENERATING
THEM IN THIS
WORLD.

THE
ONLY
WAY
TO RE-
COVER
SUCH
THINGS
...

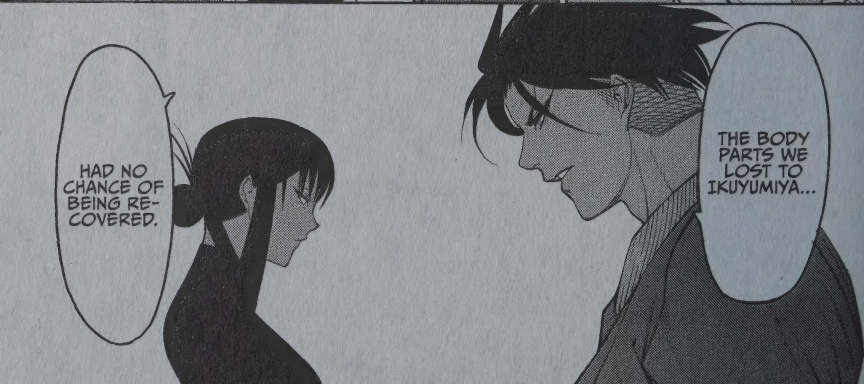


BUT
THEN...



WE
LEARNED
ABOUT
THAT FROM
KADOMORI-
SAN...

AND HAD
ACCEPTED
OUR FATE,
KNOWING
THERE WAS
NOTHING
TO BE
DONE.





THEY
DEFINITELY
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
HER BIRTH.

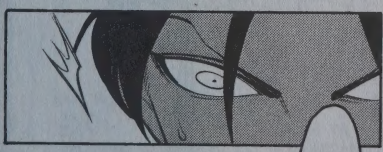
THE CLAN
LEADERS
SUR-
ROUNDING
BOTAN AS
A BABY...



WHAT
?!



NAGI!!!



CUR-
RENT...

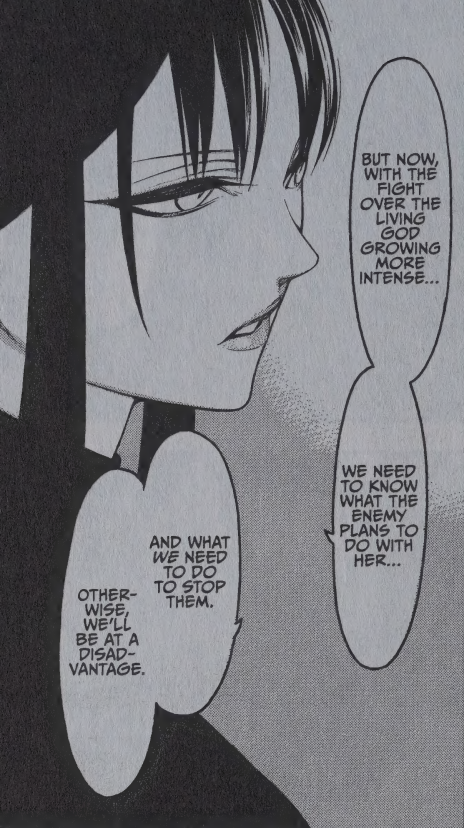


CONDI-
TION?



LIKE
WHAT'S
GOING ON
WITH HER
CURRENT
CONDITION.
EVEN
THAT
MUCH
WOULD
BE
GOOD...

IT'D
BE NICE
IF WE
COULD
LEARN
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THE
TRUTH...



BUT NOW,
WITH THE
FIGHT
OVER THE
LIVING
GOD
GROWING
MORE
INTENSE...

WE NEED
TO KNOW
WHAT THE
ENEMY
PLANS TO
DO WITH
HER...

AND WHAT
WE NEED
TO DO
TO STOP
THEM.

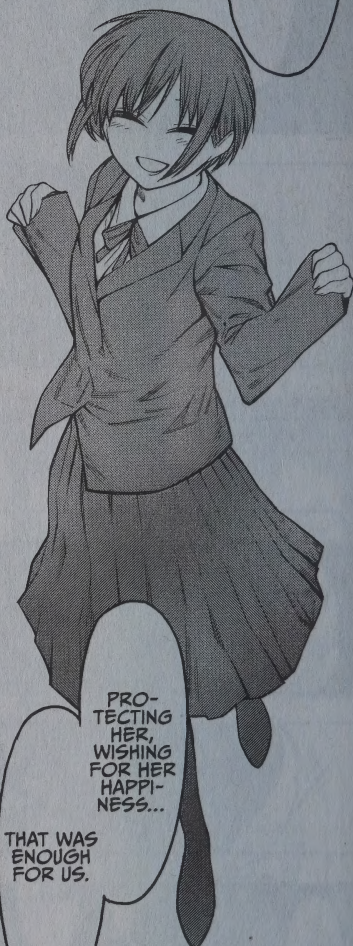
OTHER-
WISE,
WE'LL
BE AT A
DISAD-
VANTAGE.



NOT
ONLY
THAT...

WE
NEED
TO ASK
THE
THREE
GREAT
HOU-
SES...

ABOUT
WHAT
TSUMA-
BIKI
SHOWED
ME
BEFORE
SHE
FADED
AWAY.
THAT
MEMORY.



WE ONLY
CARED
ABOUT
OUR
BOTAN.

PRO-
TECTING
HER,
WISHING
FOR HER
HAPPI-
NESS...

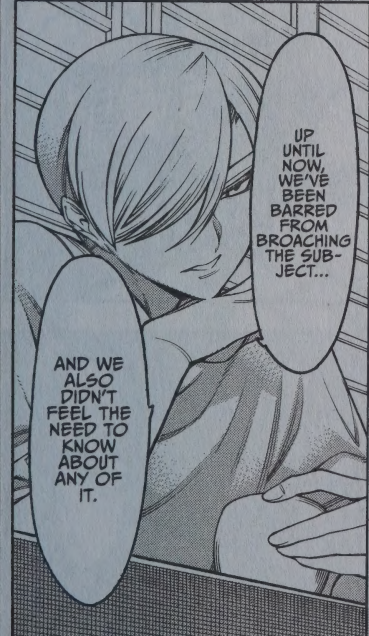
THAT WAS
ENOUGH
FOR US.



ABOUT
THE
YORI-
MASHI...

AND THE
LIVING
GOD.

WE'LL
REQUEST
INFOR-
MATION
FROM
TSUJI
HOJO.



UP
UNTIL
NOW,
WE'VE
BEEN
BARRED
FROM
BROACHING
THE SUB-
JECT...



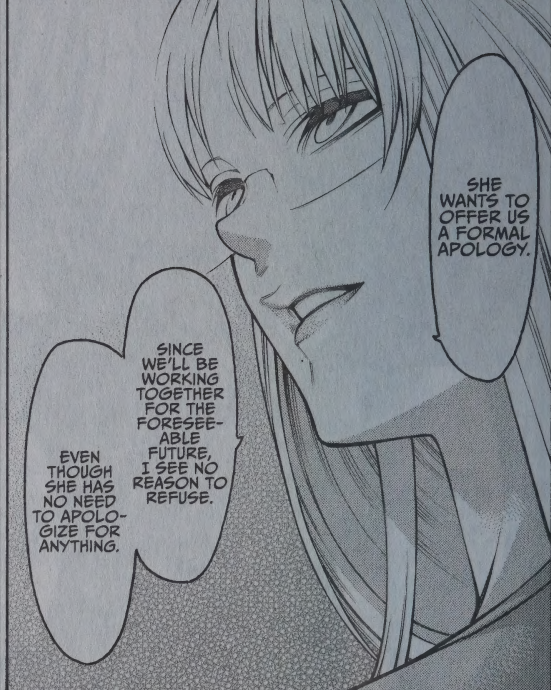
I
SEE.

AND WE
ALSO
DIDN'T
FEEL THE
NEED TO
KNOW
ABOUT
ANY OF
IT.



I HEAR
YURI-CHAN
HELPED
SAVE OUR
SKINS
TOO.

IT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
GET A
READ ON A
TSUJI...



SHE
WANTS TO
OFFER US
A FORMAL
APOLOGY.

SINCE
WE'LL BE
WORKING
TOGETHER
FOR THE
FORESEE-
ABLE
FUTURE,
I SEE NO
REASON TO
REFUSE.

EVEN
THOUGH
SHE HAS
NO NEED
TO APOLO-
GIZE FOR
ANYTHING.



Y-
YES.

MHM.



YOU ALL
WITH ME
SO FAR?

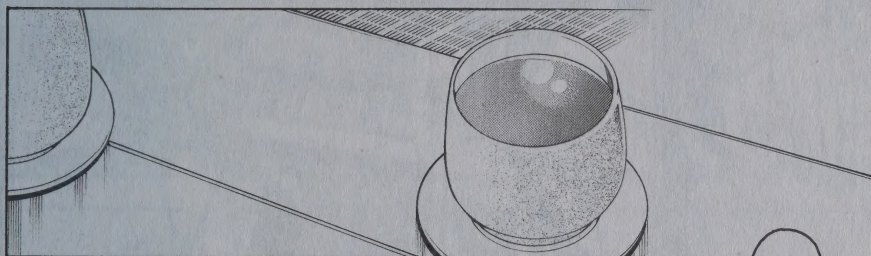
WITH
THOSE
TWO,
WE'LL
RETURN
TO HOW
THINGS
WERE
BEFORE.



AS WE
DECIDED
YESTERDAY...

MOVING
ON.

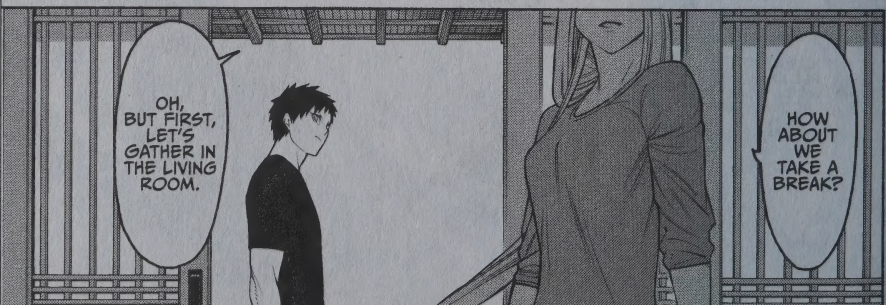
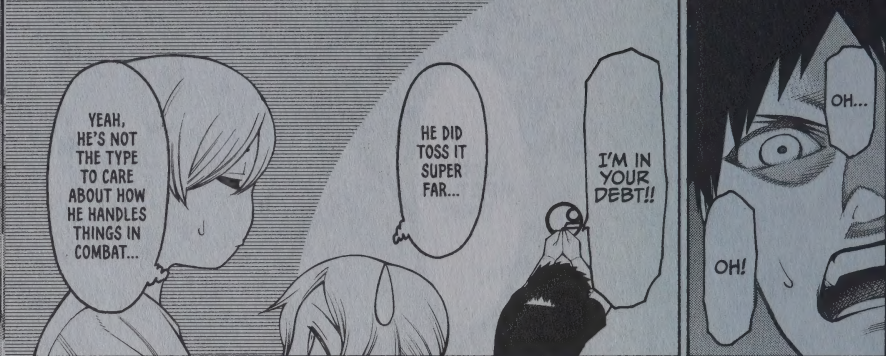
FAMILY
MEETING
TIME!



FIRST,
REGARD-
ING
SUMIRE-
SAN...



KADOMORI-
SAN SAID
SHE'S
CLEARED OF
ALL GUILT, SO
WE'LL GLADLY
ACCEPT HER
WISH TO
CONTINUE HER
PROTECTION
DUTIES.





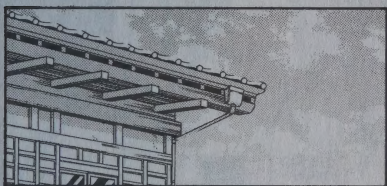
COME
ON, GUYS.
PACK 'EM
UP INTO
BOXES.

YU,
GET
OFF
HER!

BUT
SHOTA'S
COMIN'
OVER
TO GRAB
THESE
TALISMANS.

THAT
CAN
WAIT
TILL
LATER.

THERE'S
A LOT
WE'VE
GOT TO
TALK
ABOUT...



KEEP
UP THE
GOOD
WORK...
NAGA-
TSUKI
DOWRY.

DID
EVERY-
THING
WE
ASKED,
SO NO
COM-
PLAINTS
HERE.

GREAT.

YOU'VE
HELD UP
YOUR END
OF THE
BARGAIN.



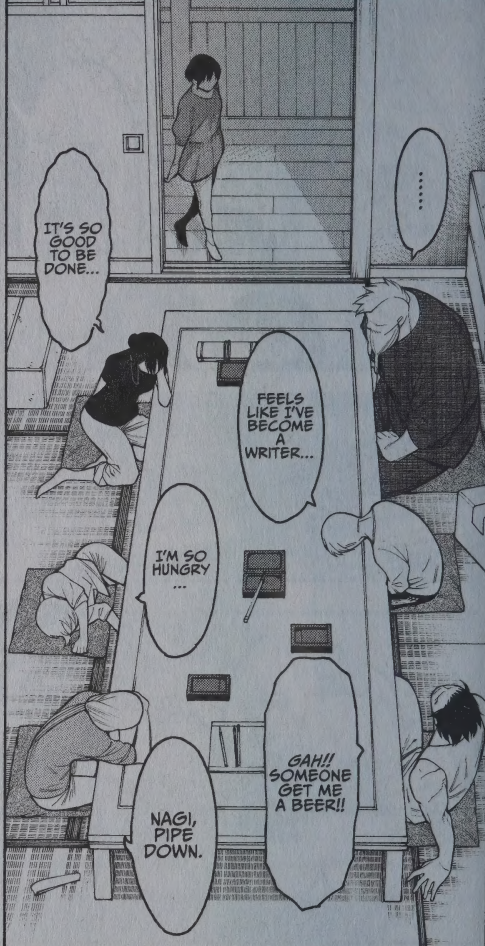
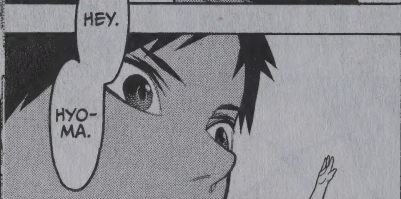
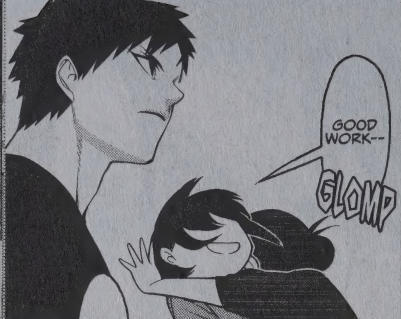
YOU
RAN OFF
BEFORE
HE COULD
HAND IT
OVER.

POPS
FOUND
THIS AT
THE DE-
TENTION
CENTER.



WHAT'S
WITH
THIS
TOUGH-
GUY
ACT?

YO,
HYOMA.
YOU
GOOD?





WEL-
COME
BACK!

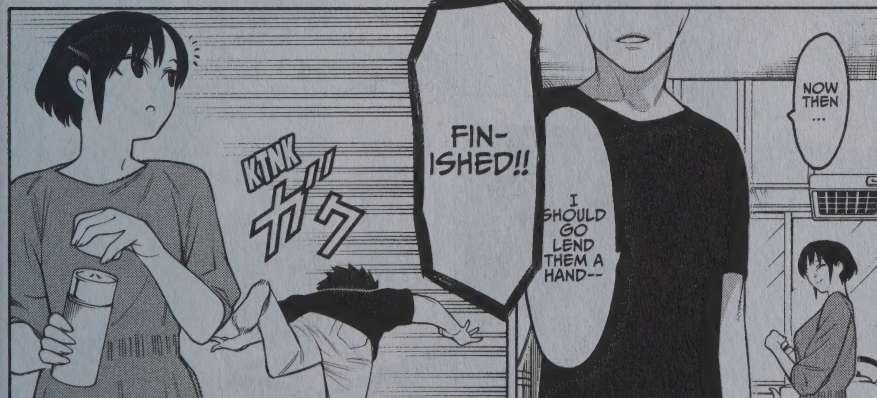
THAT'S
RIGHT!

HYOMA-
SAN...



THANK
YOU.

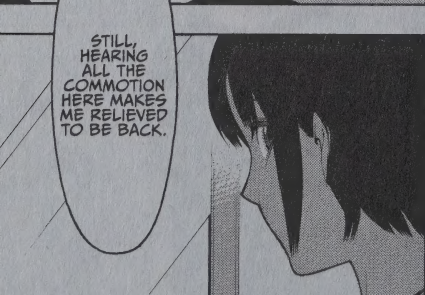
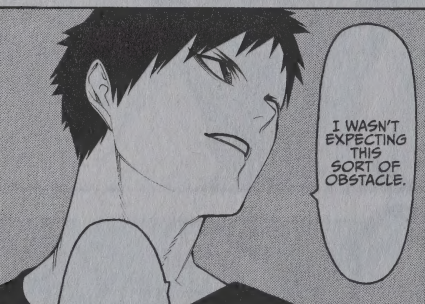
YEAH...

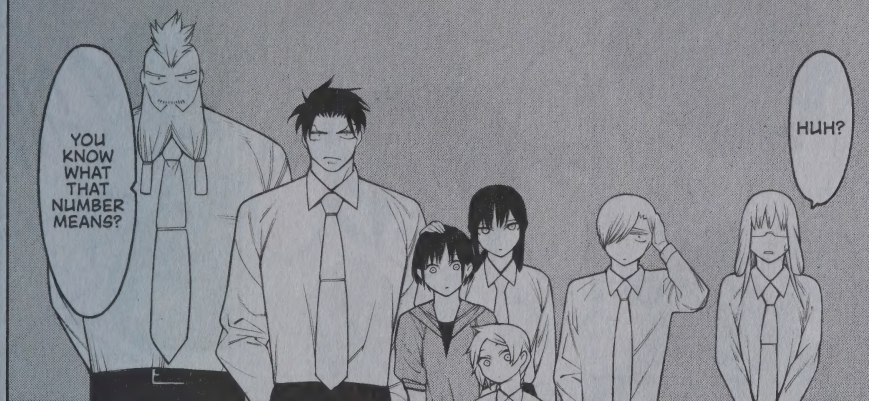


FIN-
ISHED!!

I
SHOULD
GO
LEND
THEM A
HAND--

NOW
THEN
...





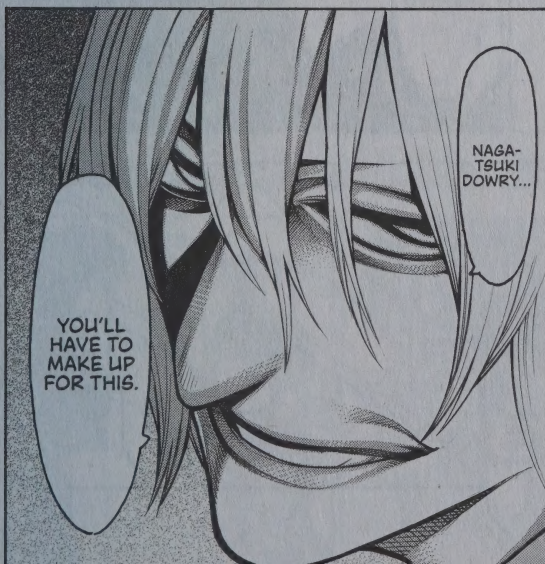
YOU
KNOW
WHAT
THAT
NUMBER
MEANS?

HUH?



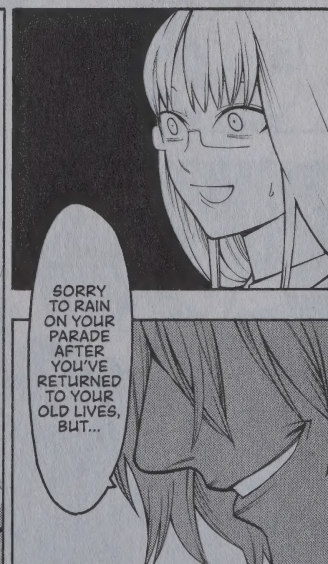
THAT'S
HOW MANY
TALISMANS
WE NEED
TO REPAIR
THE
FACILITY.

REMEMBER THE
TSUKUMOGAMI
DETENTION
CENTER YOU
CASUALLY
DESTROYED IN
YOUR BATTLE
WITH THE
YACHIMATAS?

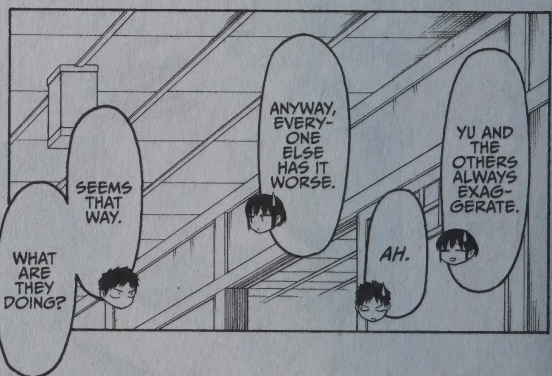


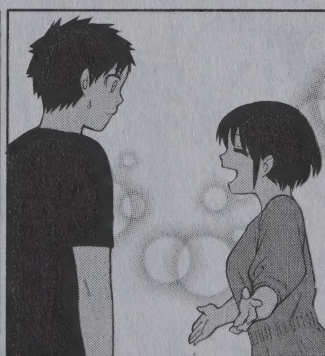
NAGA-
TSUKI
DOWRY...

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
MAKE UP
FOR THIS.



SORRY
TO RAIN
ON YOUR
PARADE
AFTER
YOU'VE
RETURNED
TO YOUR
OLD LIVES,
BUT...







"BY A WAVE
OF EX-
HAUSTION
AND
RELIEF.

"HER
ENERGY
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
SAPPED
..."

HAAH...

HAAH...

"BEFORE
SHE
FAINTED,
SHE
STAYED
BY YOUR
SIDE AS
YOU WERE
SLEEPING.

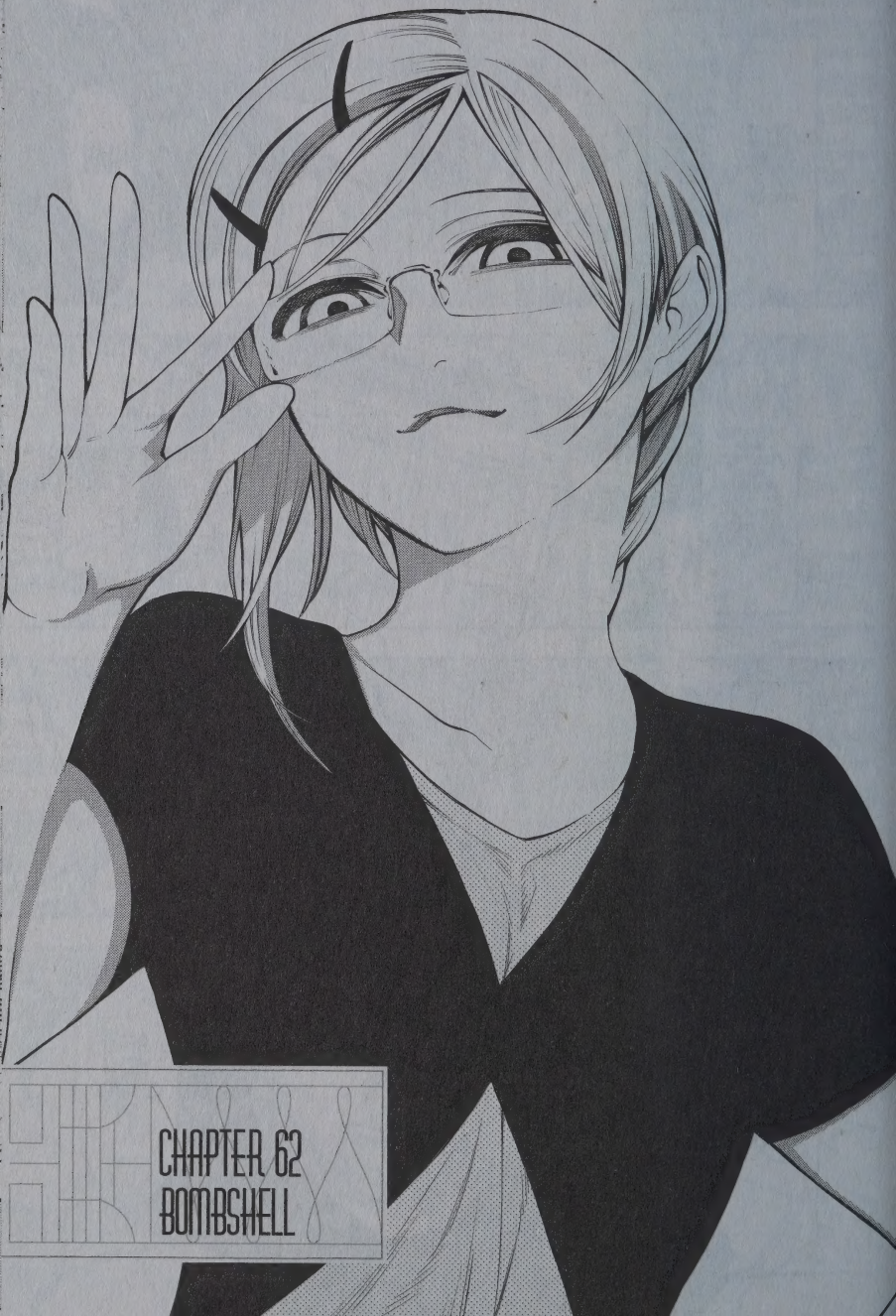
"SHE
REALLY
PUSHED
HER-
SELF.

"SO
GO
AND
SEE
HER!"

"SHE'S
RECU-
PERATING
BACK
AT THE
HOUSE...

BO-
TAN!!

ARE
YOU
OKAY
?!



CHAPTER 62
BOMBSHELL



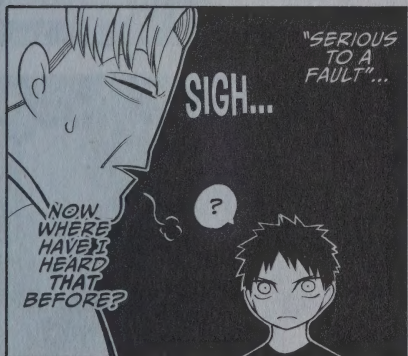
AND
WELCOME
HER BACK
TO JOINT
PROTECTION
DUTY?

WILL
YOU ALL
ACCEPT
HER
APOL-
OGY...

THAT
MAY BE
HER WAY
OF RE-
PENTING.

AND
PLANS TO
FORMALLY
APOLOGIZE
TO YOU
AND THE
NAGATSUKI
FAMILY.

SHE
SEEMS
TO HAVE
COME TO
TERMS
WITH IT...



SIGH...

"SERIOUS
TO A
FAULT"...



STILL...



OF
COURSE.



NAGATSUKI-
SAN HAS
FAINTED.

IT
SEEMS
...

OH,
AND...
I DON'T
THINK YOU
HAVE THE
LIBERTY
TO BE
WORRYING
ABOUT
OTHER
GIRLS.



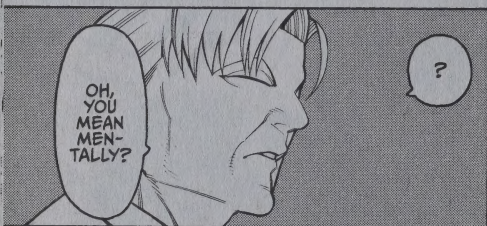
THEY
SHOULD
BE BACK
TOMOR-
ROW.

TO SEEK
APPROVAL
FROM
HOJO-SAN
TO SERVE
AS ACTING
HEAD
OF THE
YACHIMATA
CLAN.

SUMIRE-
SAN IS
OFF
TO THE
TSUJI
HOUSE-
HOLD
WITH
SHIRA-
YURI-
SAN...

THERE
YOU
HAVE
IT.

EVERY-
THING
THAT
HAP-
PENED
WHILE
YOU
WERE
ASLEEP.



OH,
YOU
MEAN
MEN-
TALLY?

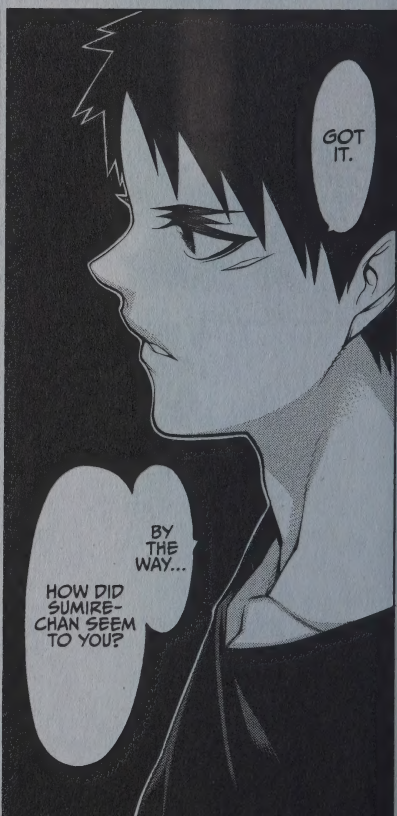
?



WILL SHE
ACCEPT
THAT THE
BLAME
FALLS
SOLELY
ON
KOKUTAN'S
EVIL
DEEDS?

SHE'S
SERIOUS
TO A
FAULT.

EVEN
THOUGH
THE TSUJI
CLAN HAS
DEEMED
HER
GUILT-
LESS...



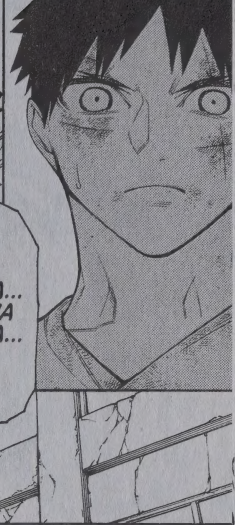
GOT
IT.

BY
THE
WAY...

HOW DID
SUMIRE-
CHAN SEEM
TO YOU?



HA HA
HA HA
HA...!!



HA...
HA
HA...

BUT OUR
DUTY IS
ANYTHING
BUT
SIMPLE.

WE CAN WAIT
FOR THE
INVESTIGATION
INTO THE
YACHIMATA
CLAN TO
UNEARTH
INFORMATION
ABOUT THE
WARAZAMA-
WASHI...

AS FOR
THE REST
OF US...

THEN
THE TASK
FORCE IS
IN GRAVE
DANGER.

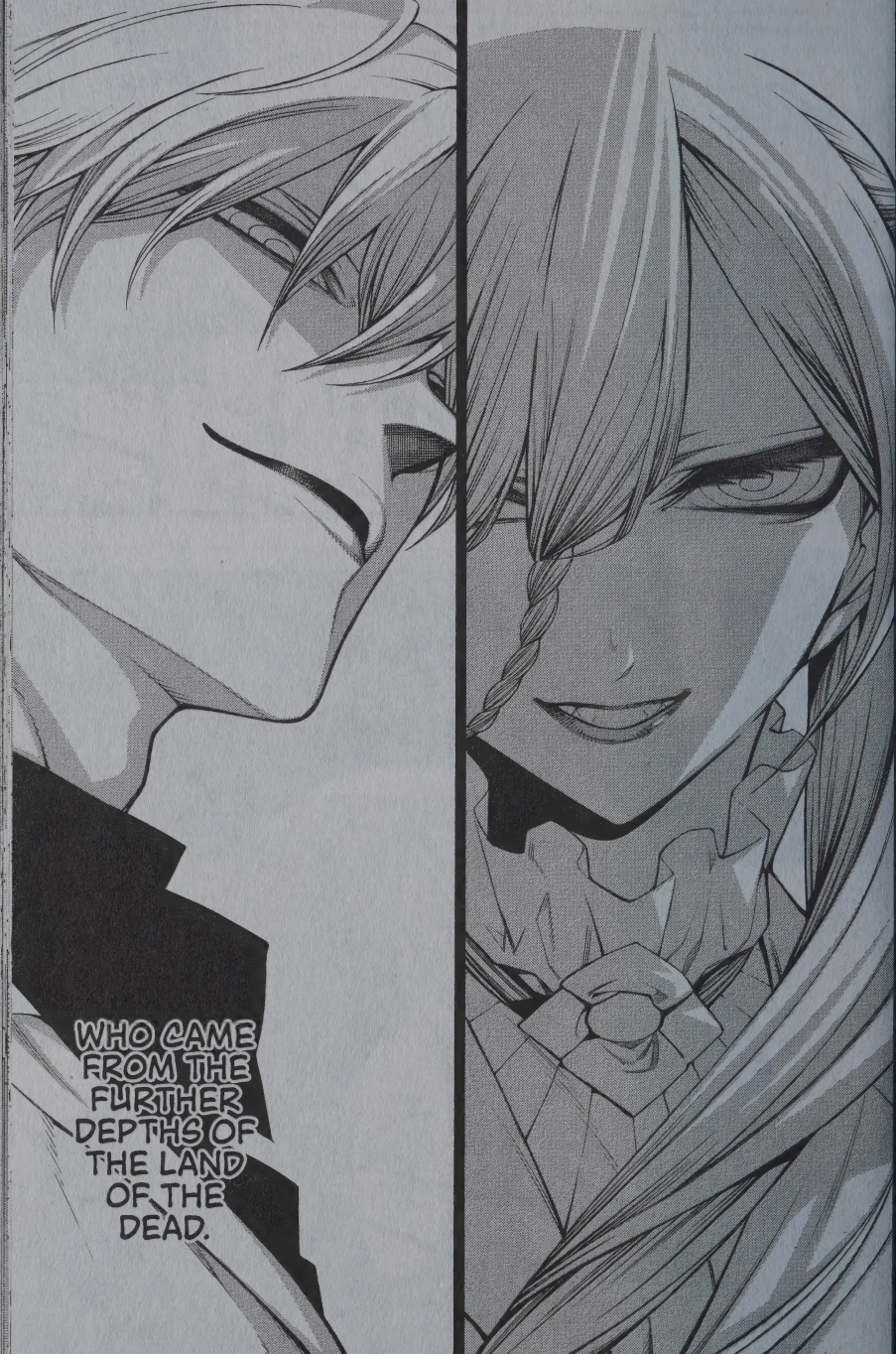
IF HE
SPOKE
THE
TRUTH...

STILL...

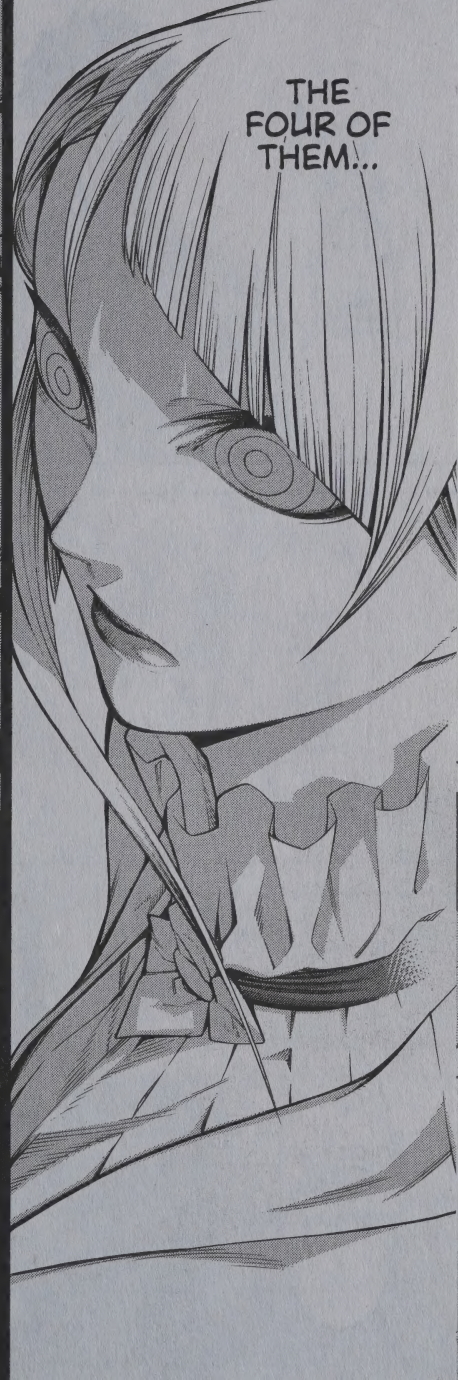
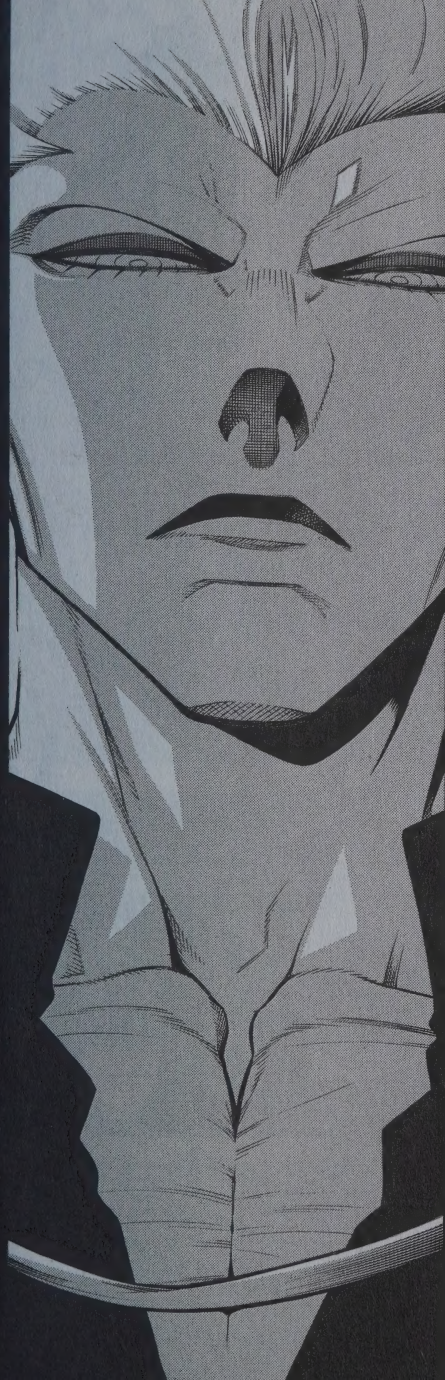


VERY
WELL.

WE'LL
PROTECT
BOTAN-
SAN WITH
OUR
LIVES!



WHO CAME
FROM THE
FURTHER
DEPTHS OF
THE LAND
OF THE
DEAD.



THE
FOUR OF
THEM...



YOUNG
SAENOME
WARRIOR.

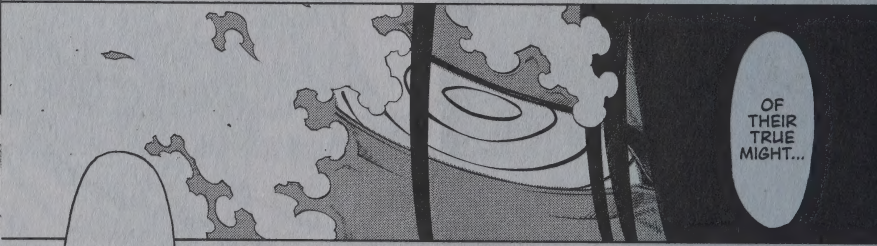
THIS
BATTLE
IS YOUR
VICTORY...



I
WASN'T
EVEN
GIVEN
MY OWN
NAME.
IF YOU
CONSIDER
ME A
GAUGE...

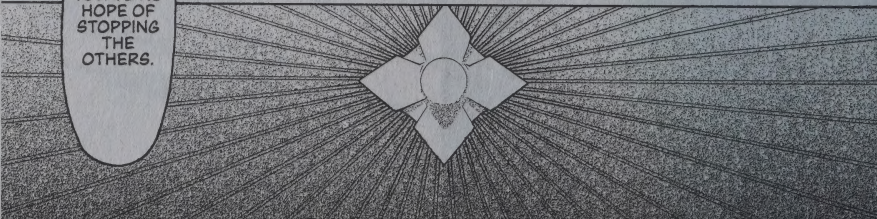
BUT
BEAR
THIS IN
MIND.

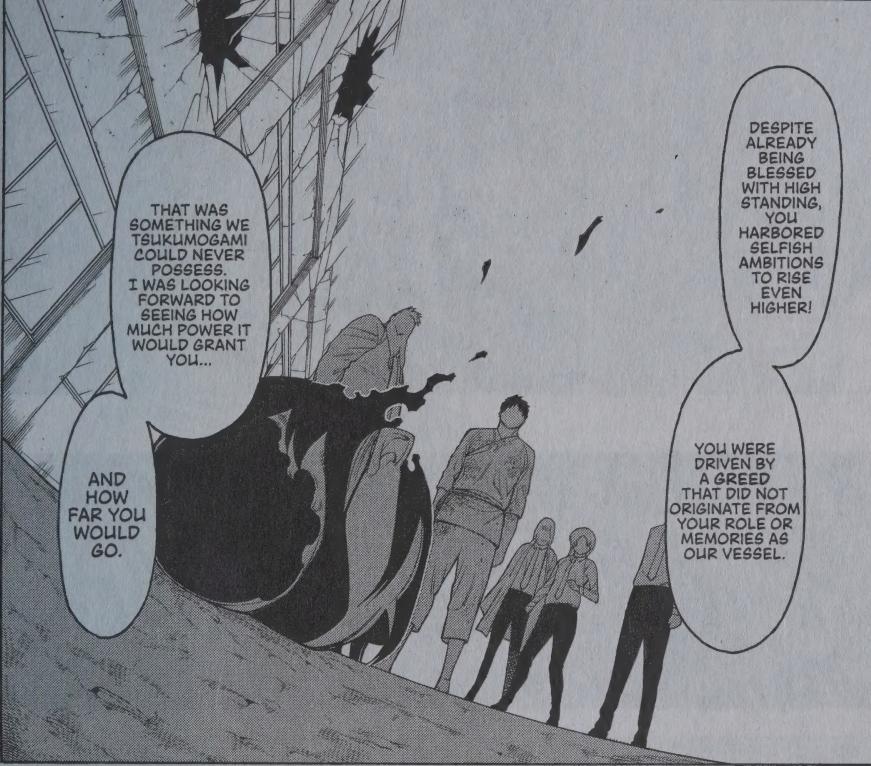
WHILE
I AM ONE
OF THE
WARAZA-
MAWASHI...



OF
THEIR
TRUE
MIGHT...

YOU'VE NO
HOPE OF
STOPPING
THE
OTHERS.



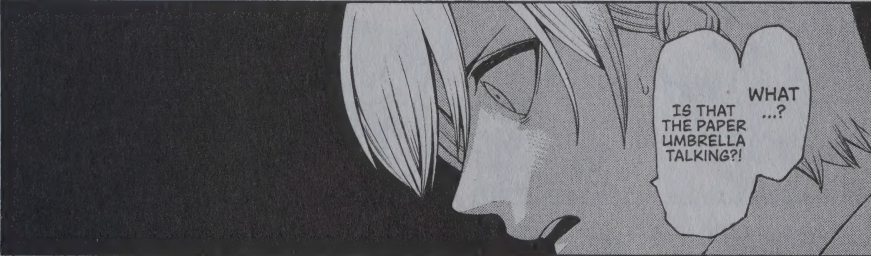


THAT WAS
SOMETHING WE
TSUKUMOGAMI
COULD NEVER
POSSESS.
I WAS LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SEEING HOW
MUCH POWER IT
WOULD GRANT
YOU...

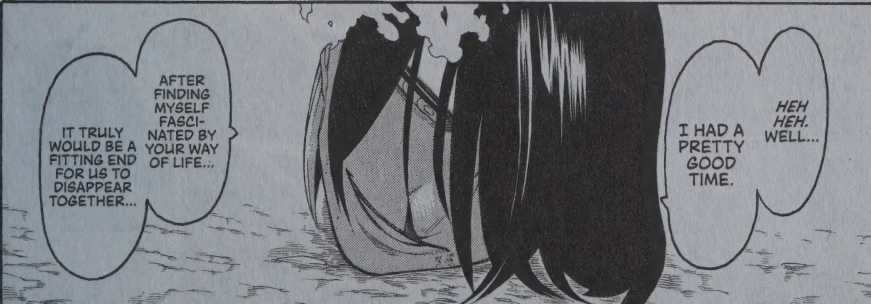
AND
HOW
FAR YOU
WOULD
GO.

DESPITE
ALREADY
BEING
BLESSED
WITH HIGH
STANDING,
YOU
HARBORED
SELFISH
AMBITIONS
TO RISE
EVEN
HIGHER!

YOU WERE
DRIVEN BY
A GREED
THAT DID NOT
ORIGINATE FROM
YOUR ROLE OR
MEMORIES AS
OUR VESSEL.



WHAT
...?
IS THAT
THE PAPER
UMBRELLA
TALKING?!



IT TRULY
WOULD BE A
FITTING END
FOR US TO
DISAPPEAR
TOGETHER...

AFTER
FINDING
MYSELF
FASCI-
NATED BY
YOUR WAY
OF LIFE...

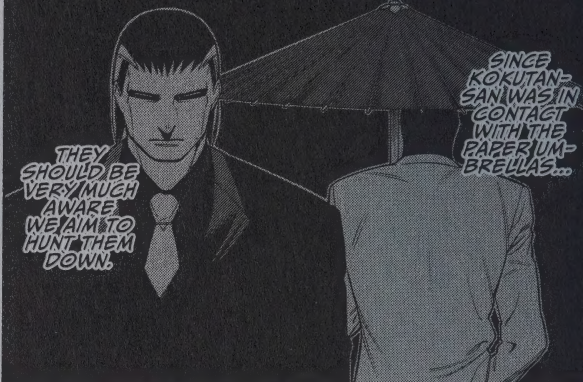
I HAD A
PRETTY
GOOD
TIME.

HEH
HEH.
WELL...



NOT
ONLY
THAT...

THE WORDS
LEFT BEHIND
BY THE
TSUKUMO-
GAMI THAT
POSSESSED
HIM, STILL
RING IN MY
MIND...



THEY
SHOULD BE
VERY MUCH
AWARE
WE AIM TO
HUNT THEM
DOWN.

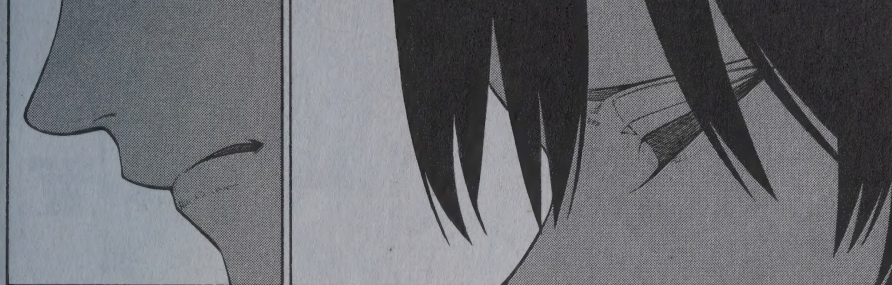
SINCE
KOKUTAN-
SANI WAS IN
CONTACT
WITH THE
PAPER UM-
BRELLAS...

"IT'S OVER,
KOKUTAN."



GLARE



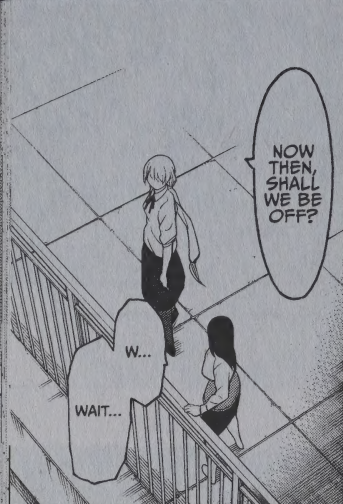


AN
IMMINENT
CRISIS IS
AHEAD
OF US.

NOW
IS THE
TIME TO
FACE
FOR-
WARD.

YES.





NOW
THEN,
SHALL
WE BE
OFF?

W...

WAIT...

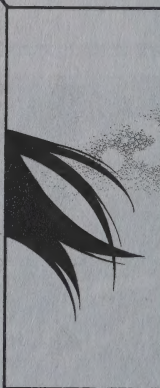


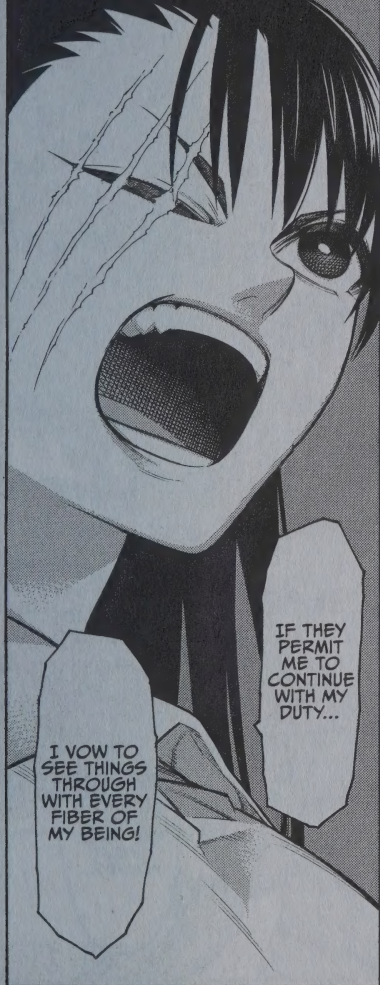
YOU ARE
MOST
WEL-
COME...

"CHAN"
?!

BUT I'M
OLDER!!

SUMIRE-
CHAN!





I VOW TO
SEE THINGS
THROUGH
WITH EVERY
FIBER OF
MY BEING!

IF THEY
PERMIT
ME TO
CONTINUE
WITH MY
DUTY...



BROODING
WILL GET
ME NO-
WHERE!!

FIRST, I'LL
GO AND
PROPERLY
APOLOGIZE
TO HYOMA
AND THE
NAGATSUKI
FAMILY!



THANK
YOU...

AND...

UM...





BESIDES,
EVEN IF
THE SECRET
MISSION
KOKUTAN
ASSIGNED
YOU WAS
A LIE...

WE'RE
STILL
INEXPE-
RIENCED
AS CLAN
HEIRS.

WE
HAVE TO
SUPPORT
ONE
ANOTHER.

AWAITS
YOU
HERE IN
KYOTO.

THE
DUTY OF
PROTECTING
BOTAN-SAN,
ENTRUSTED
TO YOU BY
THE THREE
GREAT
HOUSES...

YEAH!!

YEAH
...



AND SHE
RISKS
STRAYING
FROM THE
RIGHT PATH
WITHOUT
EVEN
REALIZING
IT...

IF HER
NOTION OF
JUSTICE
TURNS OUT
TO BE A
MISTAKE...

!

URGH
...

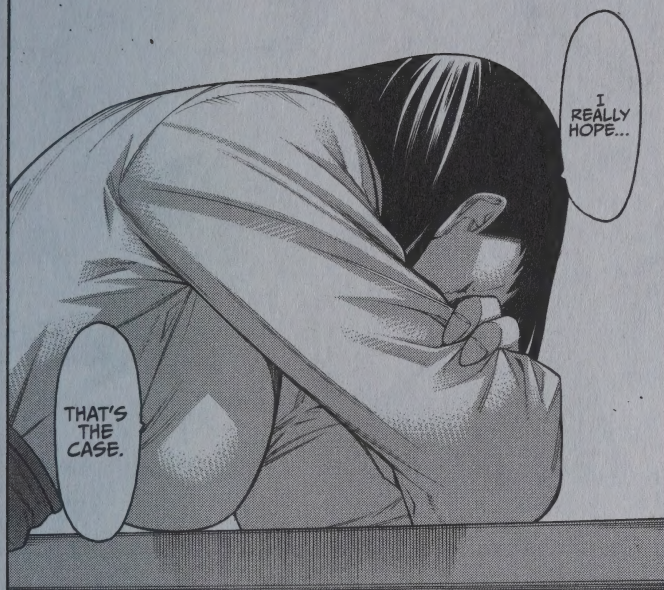
NEE-
SAN...

NII-
SAN...

IS
SURELY--

CURS-
ES...!!

WHAT
WILL BE NECES-
SARY...



THAT'S
THE
CASE.

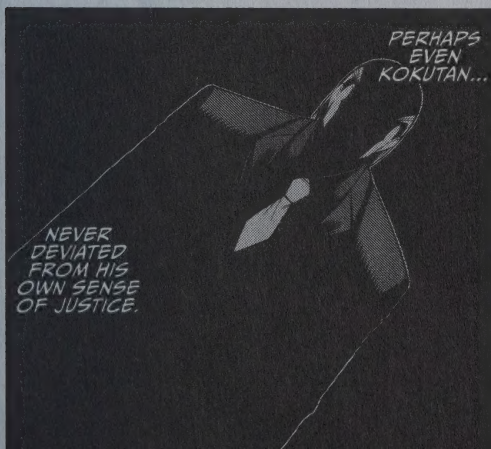
I
REALLY
HOPE...



I...

DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT.

SQUEEZE...



PERHAPS
EVEN
KOKUTAN...

NEVER
DEVIATED
FROM HIS
OWN SENSE
OF JUSTICE.



SUMIRE-SAN
IS FIXATED ON
THE IDEA OF
RIGHTEOUS-
NESS...

BUT IN
REALITY,
NOBODY
KNOWS
WHICH
DIRECTION
THE ARROW
OF JUSTICE
POINTS.



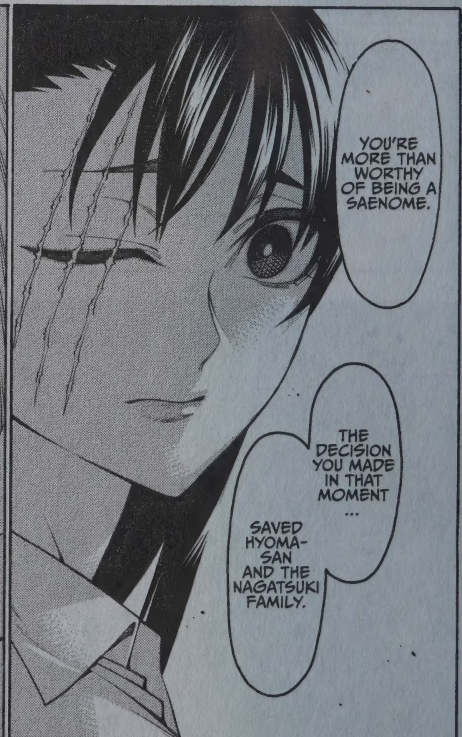
TURNED OUT
TO BE NO
ERROR IN
JUDGMENT AS
A SAENOME.

IN THE
END, THE
ARROW
YOU FIRED,
OUT OF
YOUR
CONVIC-
TION FOR
JUSTICE...



YOU ARE
FULFILLING
YOUR ROLE
WONDER-
FULLY...

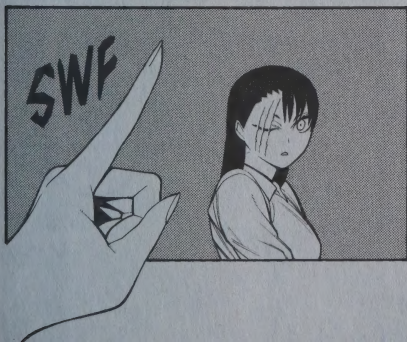
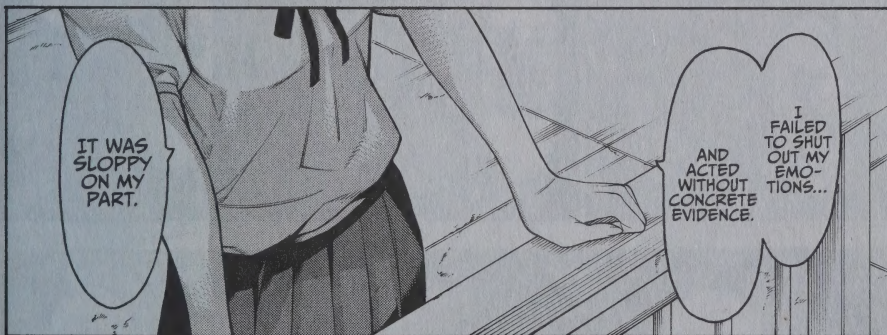
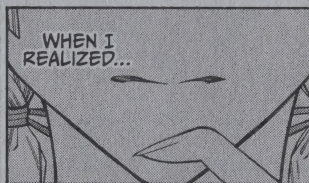
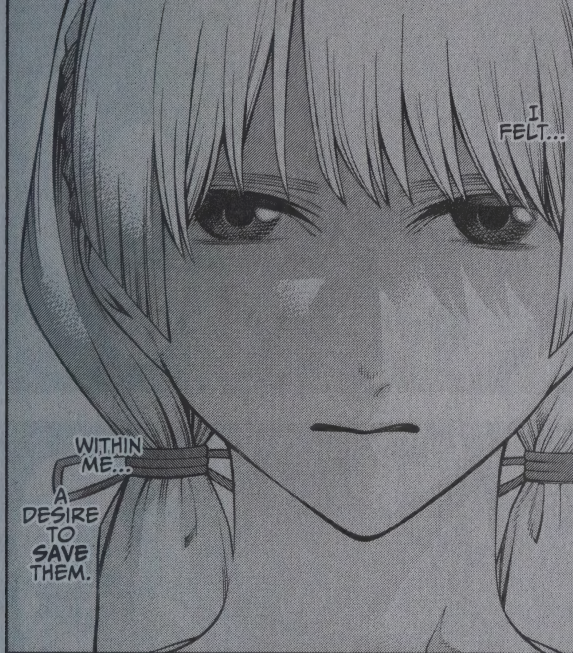
SU-
MIRE-
SAN!

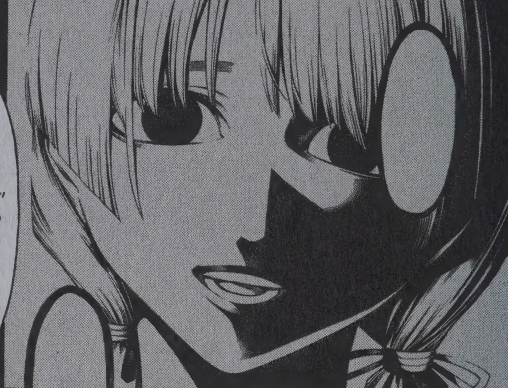


YOU'RE
MORE THAN
WORTHY
OF BEING A
SAENOME.

THE
DECISION
YOU MADE
IN THAT
MOMENT
...

SAVED
HYOMA-
SAN
AND THE
NAGATSUKI
FAMILY.





EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL, I WAS TAUGHT TO ERASE MY SENSE OF SELF.

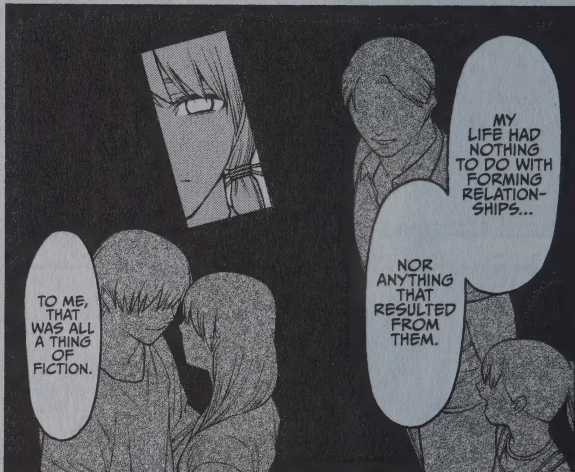
WE'RE TO REMOVE OURSELVES ...

AND NEVER ALLOW EMOTION TO SWAY US.



BUT WHAT I SAW...

WAS FAR TOO DAZZLING.



TO ME, THAT WAS ALL A THING OF FICTION.

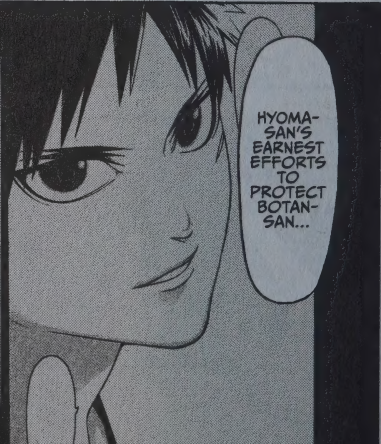
MY LIFE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FORMING RELATIONSHIPS...

NOR ANYTHING THAT RESULTED FROM THEM.

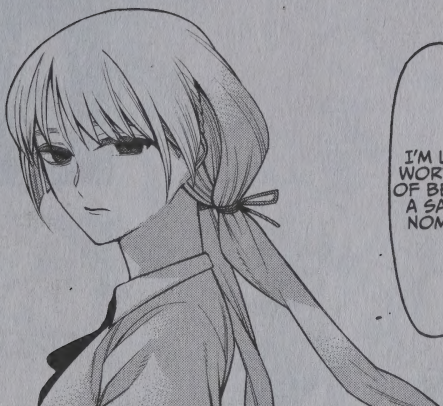


AND BOTAN-SAN'S WILLINGNESS TO ENDANGER HERSELF...

FOR THE SAKE OF FOUND FAMILY.



HYOMA-SAN'S EARNEST EFFORTS TO PROTECT BOTAN-SAN...



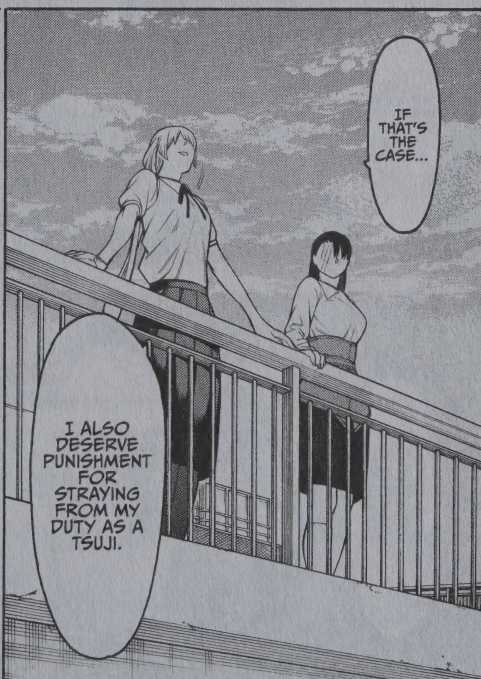
I'M UN-
WORTHY
OF BEING
A SAE-
NOME.



HUH
...?

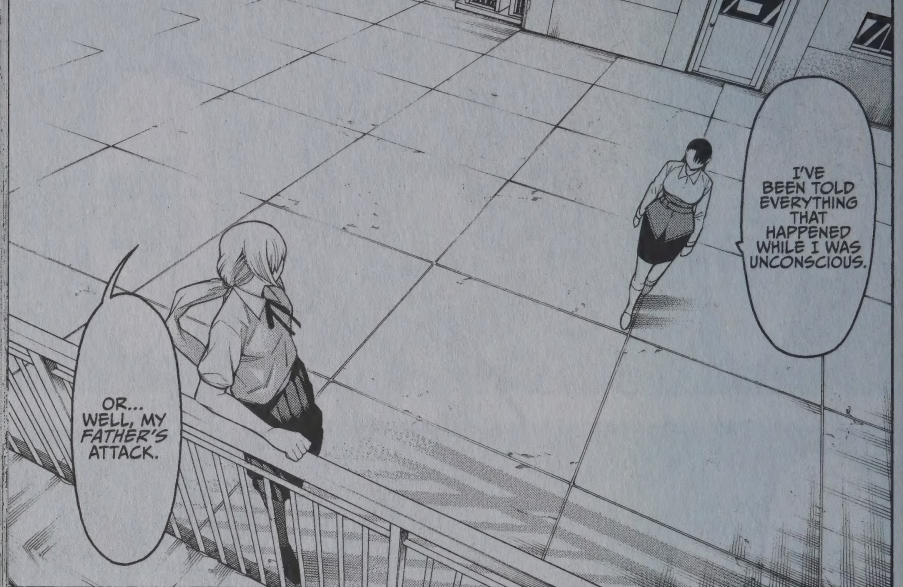


WE'RE
MEANT TO
OBSERVE.
TO STAY
ONE STEP
BACK
AND VIEW
EVERYTHING
OBJEC-
TIVELY.



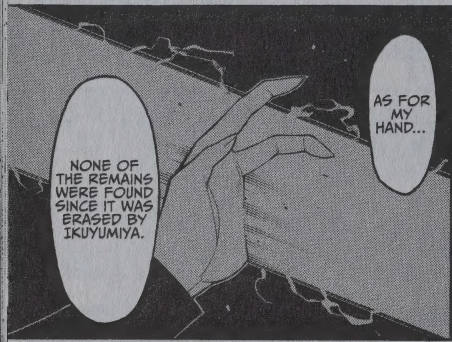
IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...

I ALSO
DESERVE
PUNISHMENT
FOR
STRAYING
FROM MY
DUTY AS A
TSUJI.



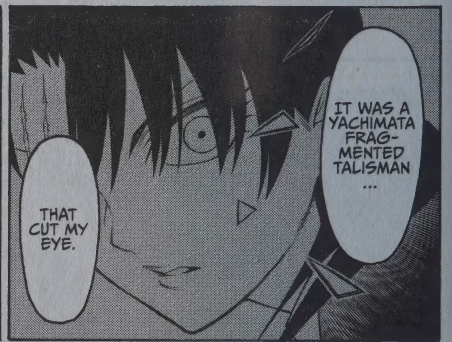
I'VE
BEEN TOLD
EVERYTHING
THAT
HAPPENED
WHILE I WAS
UNCONSCIOUS.

OR...
WELL, MY
FATHER'S
ATTACK.



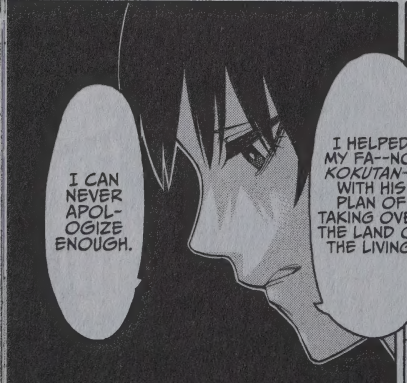
AS FOR
MY
HAND...

NONE OF
THE REMAINS
WERE FOUND
SINCE IT WAS
ERASED BY
IKUYUMIYA.



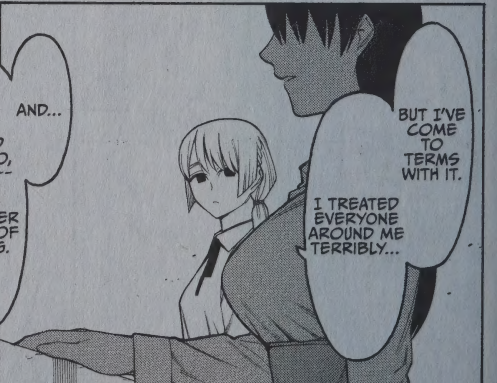
THAT
CUT MY
EYE.

IT WAS A
YACHIMATA
FRAG-
MENTED
TALISMAN
...



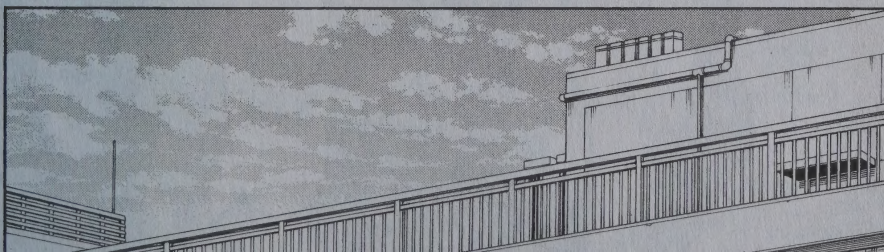
I CAN
NEVER
APOL-
OGIZE
ENOUGH.

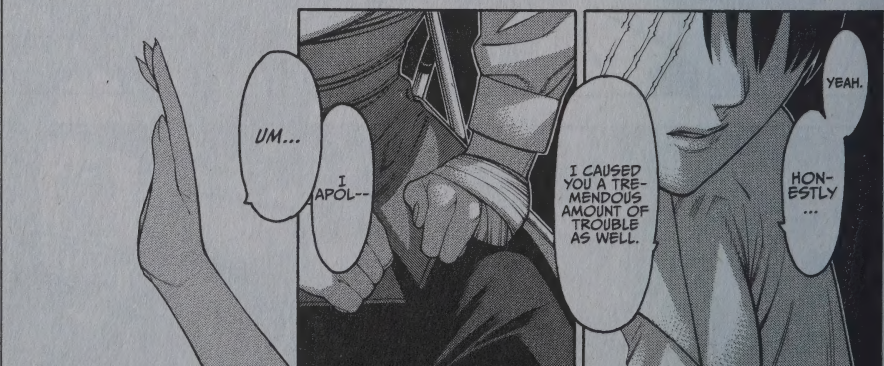
AND...
I HELPED
MY FA--NO,
KOKUTAN--
WITH HIS
PLAN OF
TAKING OVER
THE LAND OF
THE LIVING.

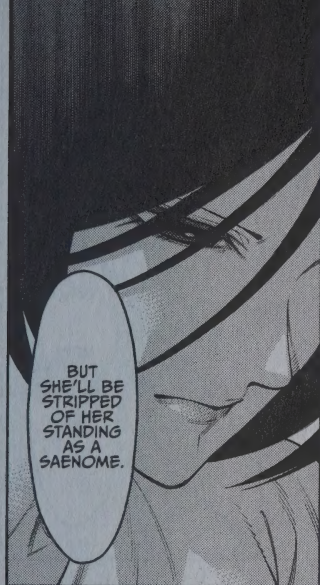


BUT I'VE
COME
TO
TERMS
WITH IT.

I TREATED
EVERYONE
AROUND ME
TERRIBLY...







BUT
SHE'LL BE
STRIPPED
OF HER
STANDING
AS A
SAENOME.



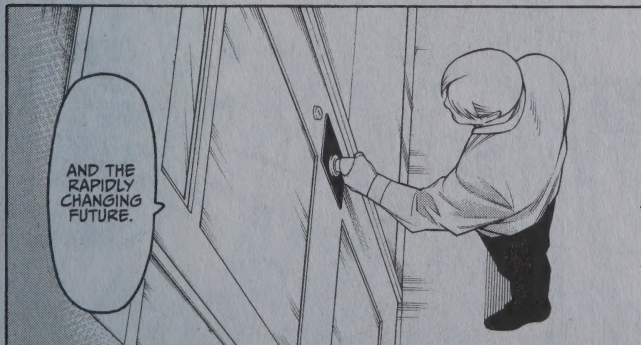
IT DOES
APPEAR
SHE WAS
ALSO
BEING DE-
CEIVED...



AS SUCH,
THERE'LL
BE
CHANGES
TO HOW
THINGS
ARE
HANDLED.

AND
SUMIRE-SAN IS
INEXPERIENCED,
SO WE'LL NEED
TO TRAIN HER
UP ASAP.

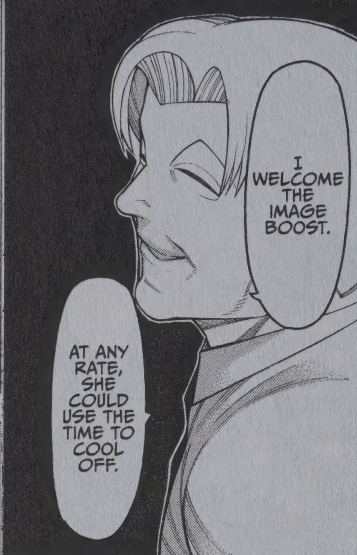
ALL THE
MAJOR
PLAYERS
ARE OUT
OF THE
PICTURE...



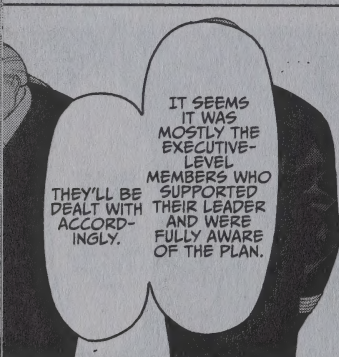
AND THE
RAPIDLY
CHANGING
FUTURE.

TO HER
FAMILY'S
MIS-
GUIDED
PAST...

WE
CAN ONLY
HOPE SHE
RECON-
CILES
HERSELF
...



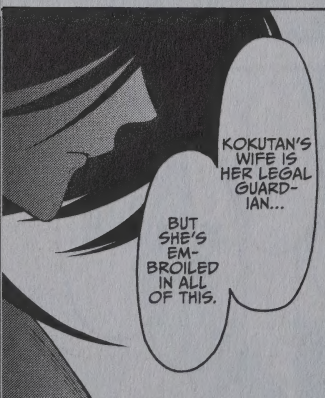
I WELCOME THE IMAGE BOOST.



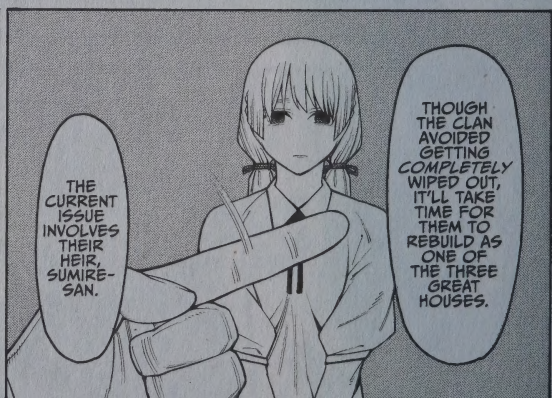
IT SEEMS IT WAS MOSTLY THE EXECUTIVE-LEVEL MEMBERS WHO SUPPORTED THEIR LEADER AND WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE PLAN.



BUT A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE YACHIMATAS HAS BEGUN.



BUT SHE'S EMBROILED IN ALL OF THIS.

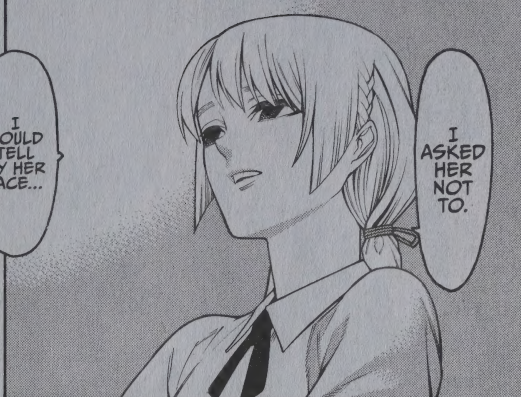


THOUGH THE CLAN AVOIDED GETTING COMPLETELY WIPED OUT, IT'LL TAKE TIME FOR THEM TO REBUILD AS ONE OF THE THREE GREAT HOUSES.



SHE
HASN'T
BEEN
GETTING
MUCH
SLEEP.

I
COULD
TELL
BY HER
FACE...



I
ASKED
HER
NOT
TO.

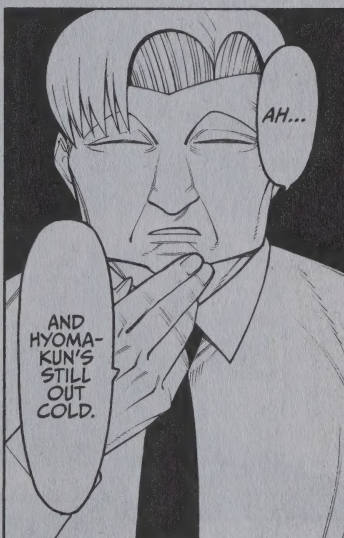


WELL
...

ANYWAY,
WHY IS
SUMIRE-
SAN
DETAINED
IN THE
KYOTO
SAENOME
PRISON?

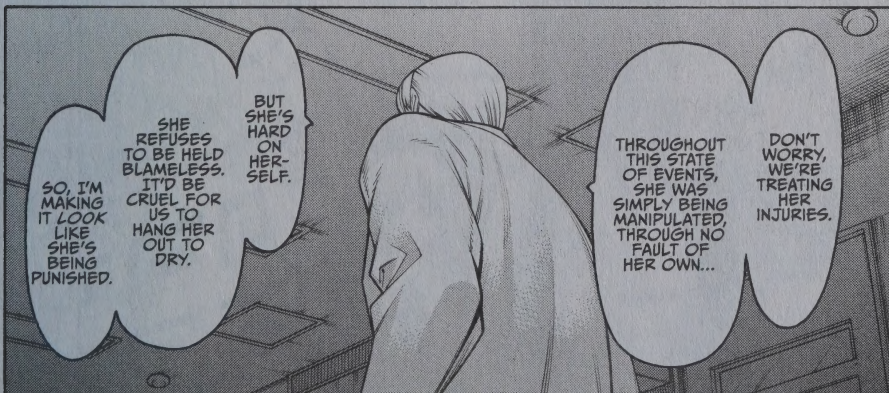


I PUT
HER
THERE.



AH...

AND
HYOMA-
KUN'S
STILL
OUT
COLD.



SO, I'M
MAKING
IT LOOK
LIKE
SHE'S
BEING
PUNISHED.

SHE
REFUSES
TO BE HELD
BLAMELESS.
IT'D BE
CRUEL FOR
US TO
HANG HER
OUT TO
DRY.

BUT
SHE'S
HARD
ON
HER-
SELF.

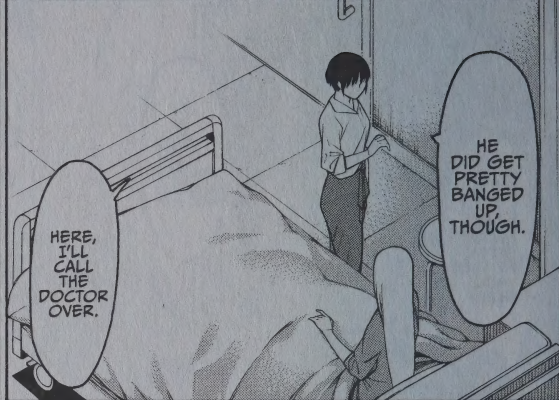
THROUGHOUT
THIS STATE
OF EVENTS,
SHE WAS
SIMPLY BEING
MANIPULATED,
THROUGH NO
FAULT OF
HER OWN...

DON'T
WORRY,
WE'RE
TREATING
HER
INJURIES.



WAIT
...

BOTAN-
SAN.



HERE,
I'LL
CALL
THE
DOCTOR
OVER.

HE
DID GET
PRETTY
BANGED
UP,
THOUGH.



DO YOU
KNOW
WHERE
SHE IS?

I'D LIKE
TO SEE
SUMIRE-
SAN.



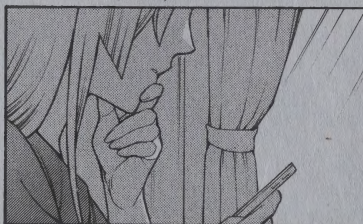
THOUGHT
THE NAGA-
TSUKI GIRL
WOULD'VE
ACCOMPAN-
IED YOU,
GIVEN YOUR
STATE.

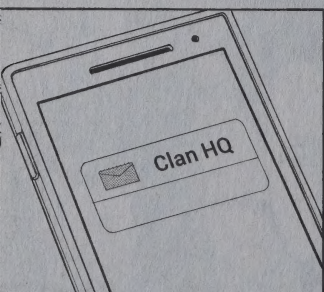
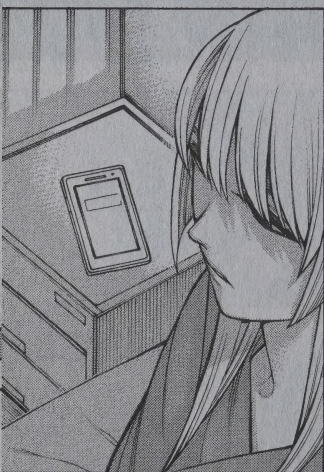
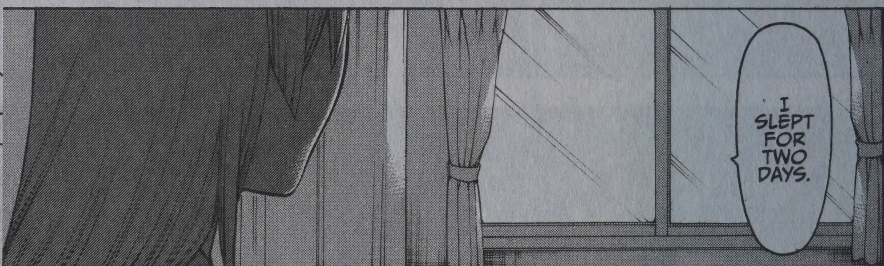
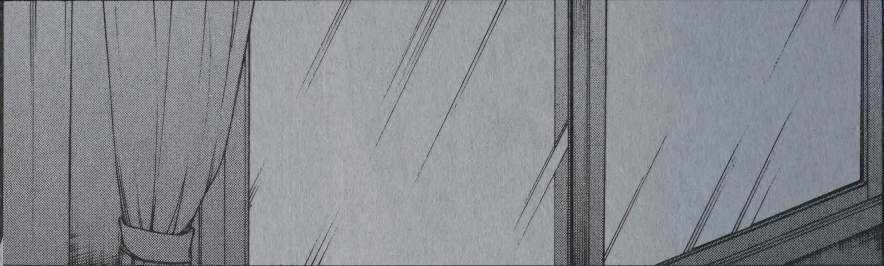
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
CAME
ALONE.

HUH
...



"THE
FUTURE
OF THE
YACHIMATA
CLAN"?





WHAT A PAINFUL REMINDER OF MY LACK OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

CHAPTER 61
VIOLET





YACHI-
MATA
KOKU-
TAN.

FOR
BEING
POSSESSED
BY A TSUKU-
MOGAMI
RESENTFUL
OF
HUMANS...

I WILL
PURGE
YOU.



"HE
STRUCK
HIS OWN
FATHER?"

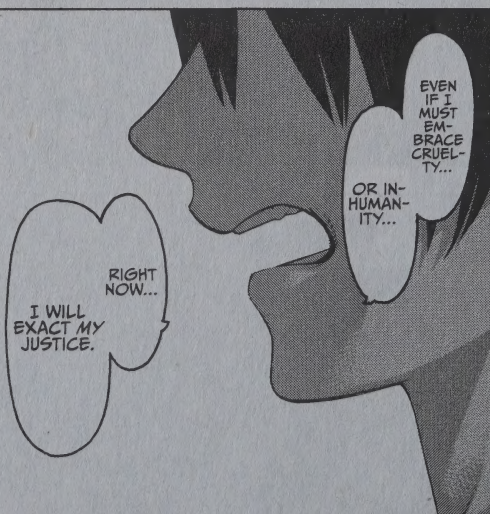
"I
DON'T
ENVY
HIM
ONE
BIT."

THEY
MEANT
SOME-
THING
TO ME.

EVEN IF
THEY WERE
MERE
PRETENSE
TO WIN ME
OVER...

"CAN'T
BELIEVE
THE CLAN
LEADER
GOT POS-
SESSED BY
A TSUKU-
MOGAMI."

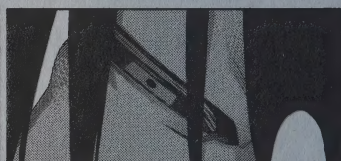
"THEY SAY
KOKUTAN-
SAMA
WAS THE
ONE WHO
CUT HIM
DOWN."



RIGHT
NOW...
I WILL
EXACT MY
JUSTICE.

OR IN-
HUMAN-
ITY...

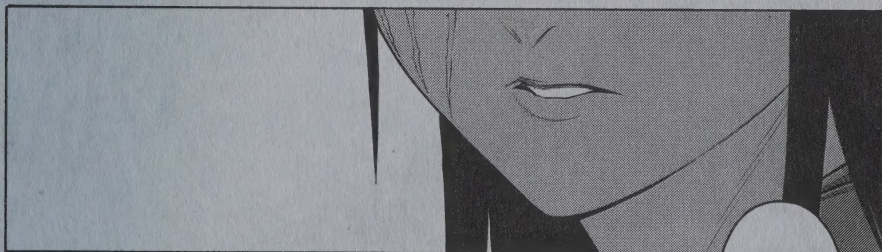
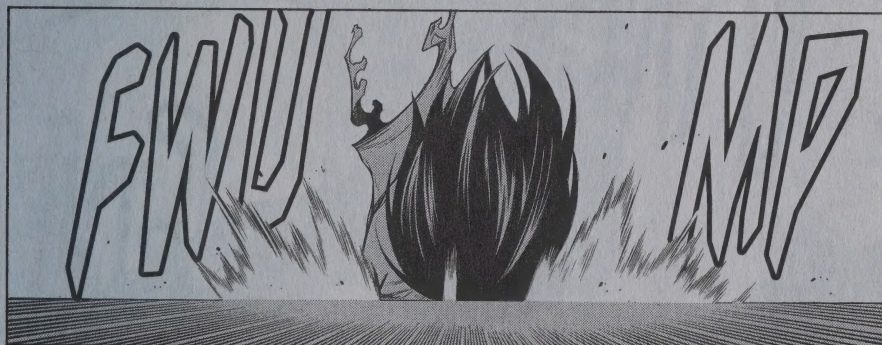
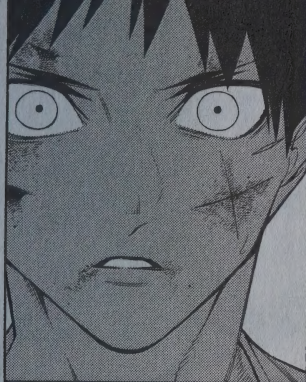
EVEN
IF I
MUST
EM-
BRACE
CRUEL-
TY...



I
SEE...

SO
YOU
HAVE
DONE
THE
SAME.





THOSE
WORDS
ETCHED
THEM-
SELVES
INTO MY
MIND.

YOU
TOLD
ME WHAT
JUSTICE
MEANS
TO SAE-
NOME.

WHEN
I WAS
LITTLE,
AND WE
WERE
WALKING
BACK
FROM
GRAND-
FATHER'S
FUNERAL...

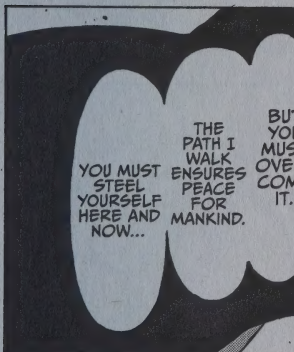


WH...

WHAT
...?



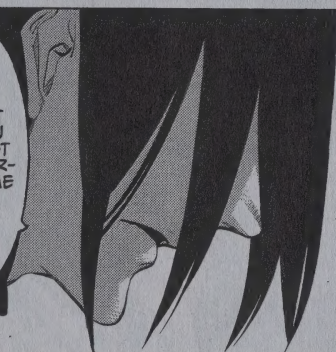
HOW
DARE
YOU SAY
THAT!



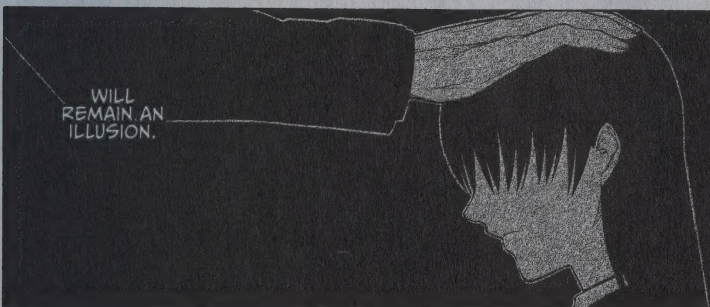
YOU MUST
STEEL
YOURSELF
HERE AND
NOW...

THE
PATH I
WALK
ENSURES
PEACE
FOR
MANKIND.

BUT
YOU
MUST
OVER-
COME
IT.

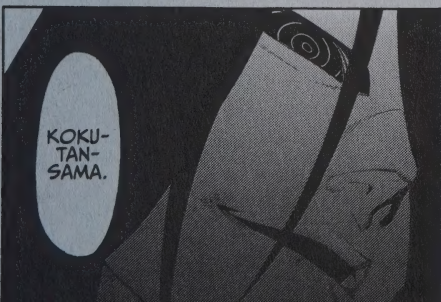


IT
MUST BE
PAINFUL
FOR
SOMEONE
AS KIND
AS YOU
TO STRIKE
DOWN
THOSE
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
TO
KNOW...

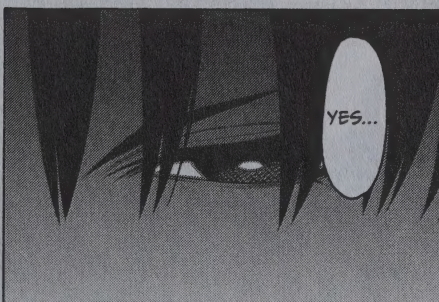


WILL
REMAIN AN
ILLUSION.

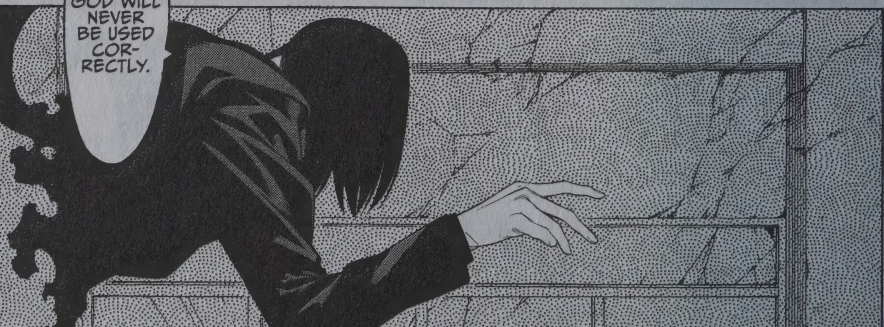
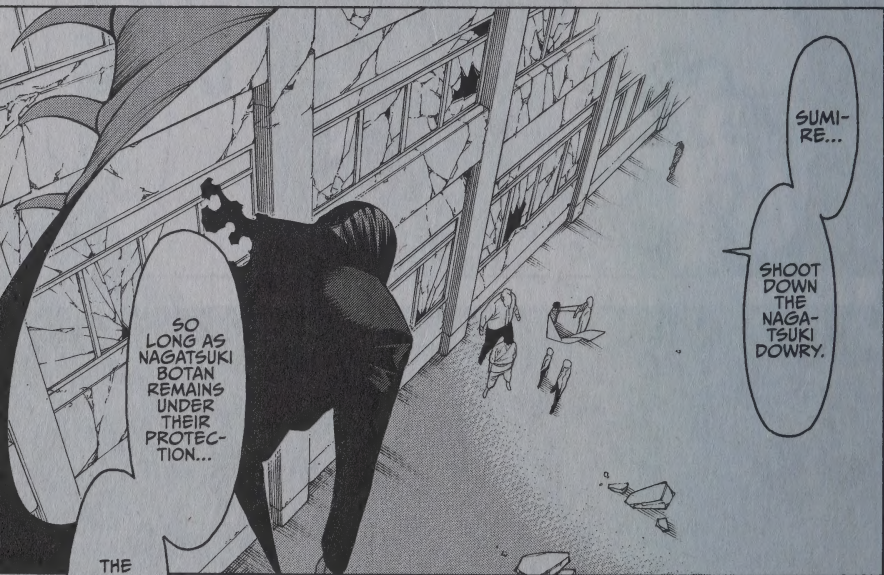
OR ELSE
JUSTICE...



KOKU-
TAN-
SAMA.

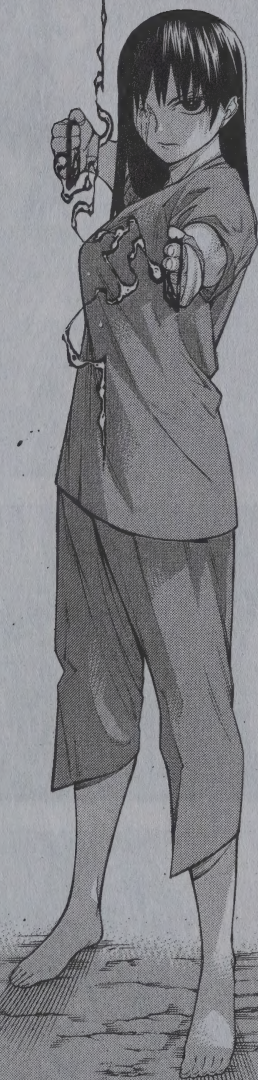


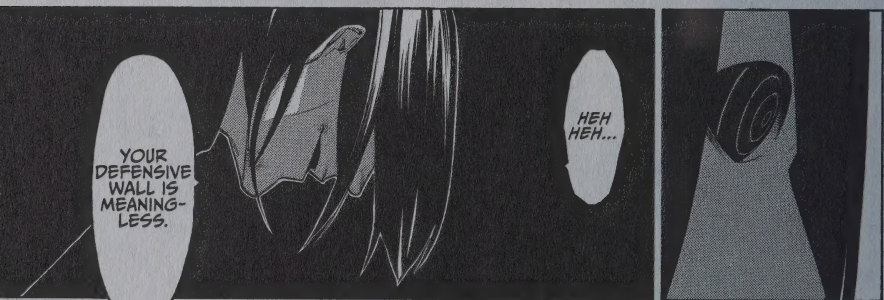
YES...

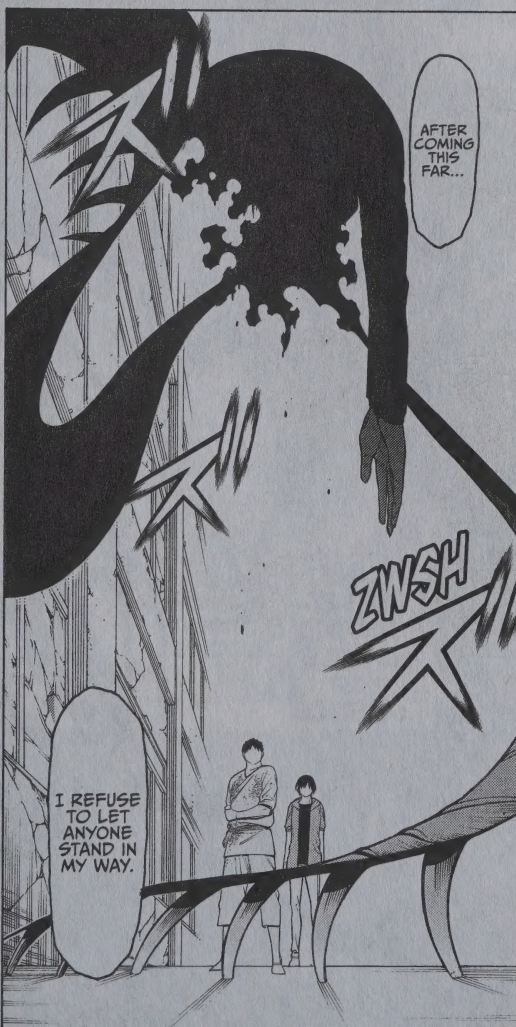
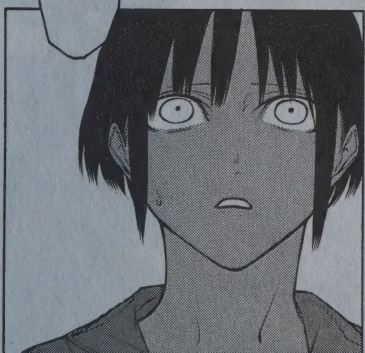
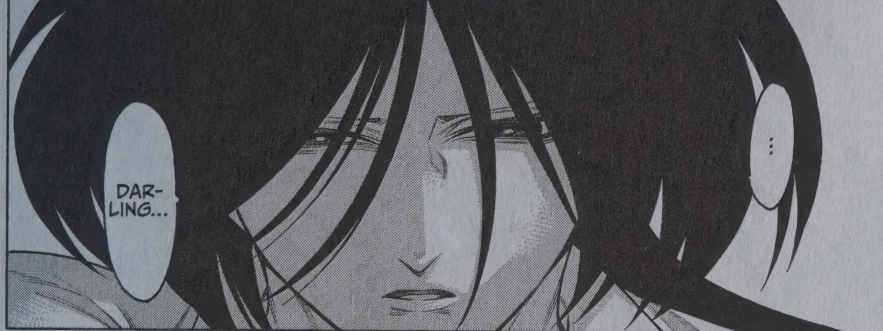


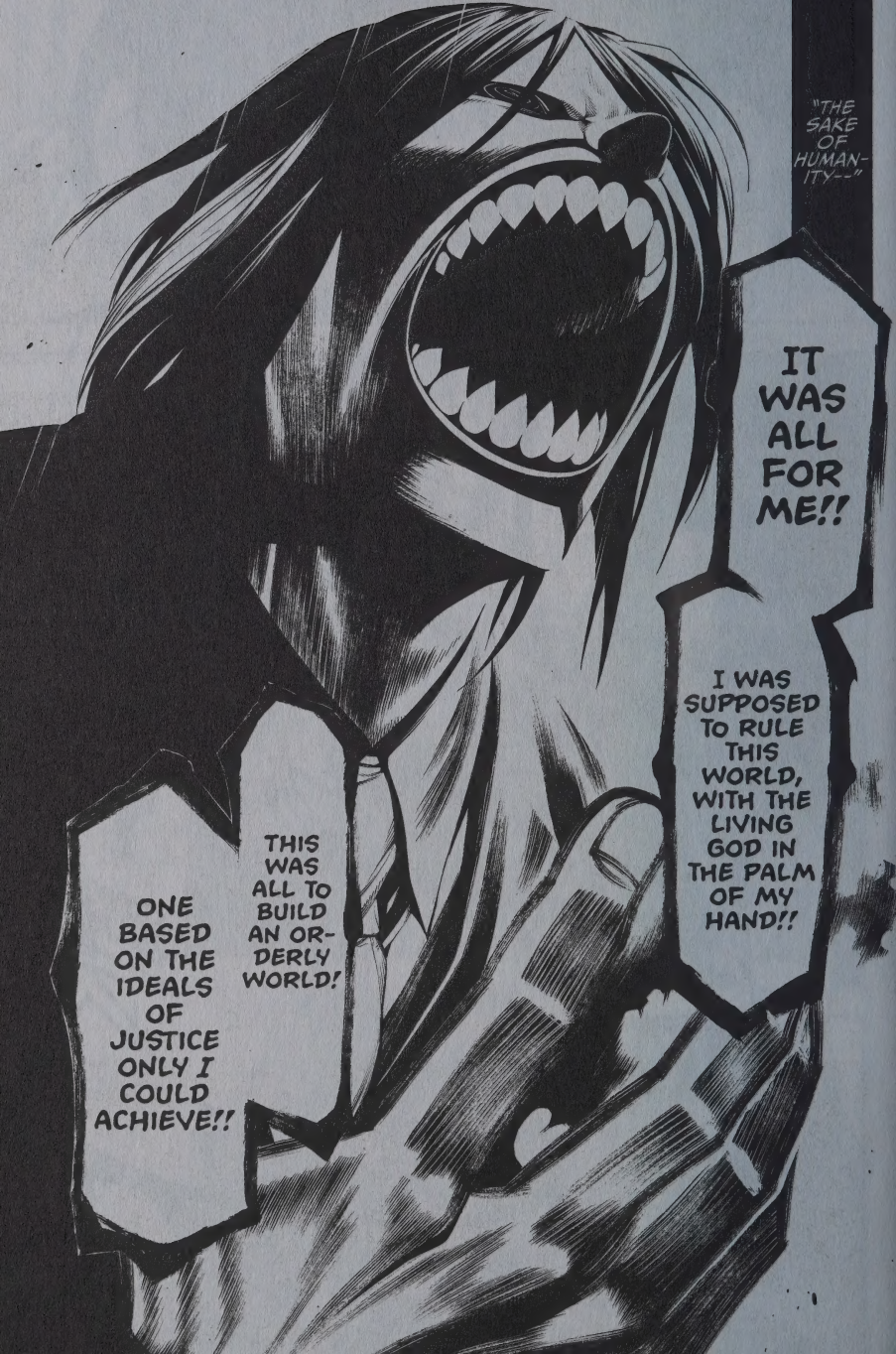


SUMIRE?









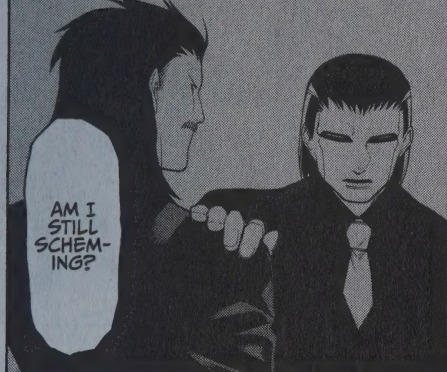
"THE
SAKE
OF
HUMAN-
ITY--"

IT
WAS
ALL
FOR
ME!!

I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO RULE
THIS
WORLD,
WITH THE
LIVING
GOD IN
THE PALM
OF MY
HAND!!

THIS
WAS
ALL TO
BUILD
AN OR-
DERLY
WORLD!

ONE
BASED
ON THE
IDEALS
OF
JUSTICE
ONLY I
COULD
ACHIEVE!!



"COME
WITH ME."



"THIS
IS ALL
FOR..."

"TOGETHER,
WE'LL BUILD UP
A NEW WORLD
ORDER WHERE
EVERYTHING
IS UNDER OUR
CONTROL."

"YOU
NEEDN'T
WORRY
NOR
FEAR."

WE
AREN'T
IMAGIN-
ING IT.

YEAH.

POPS
...

RUSTLE...

YACHI-
MATA
KOKU-
TAN.

YOU'VE
REDUCED
YOURSELF
TO A MON-
STER...

CAPABLE
ONLY OF
CLINGING
TO HUMAN
IDEALS.

I
SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN
BETTER
THAN TO
EXPECT
ANYTHING
FROM YOU.

GUH
...

ALL OF
YOU...

ARE BUM-
BLING
FOOLS.



I WAS
ABUNDANTLY
CLEAR!!

THIS
ACT OF
DOMINATION IS
NECESSARY TO
RESTORE
ORDER
TO THE
LAND
OF THE
LIVING!!

FULFILL
YOUR
DUTY!
EVEN
IF IT
COSTS
YOU
YOUR
LIVES!!

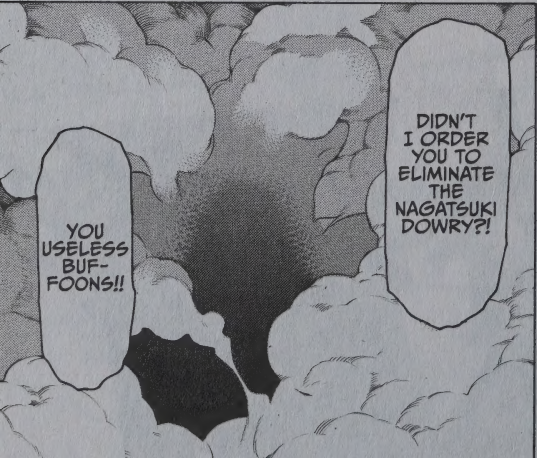
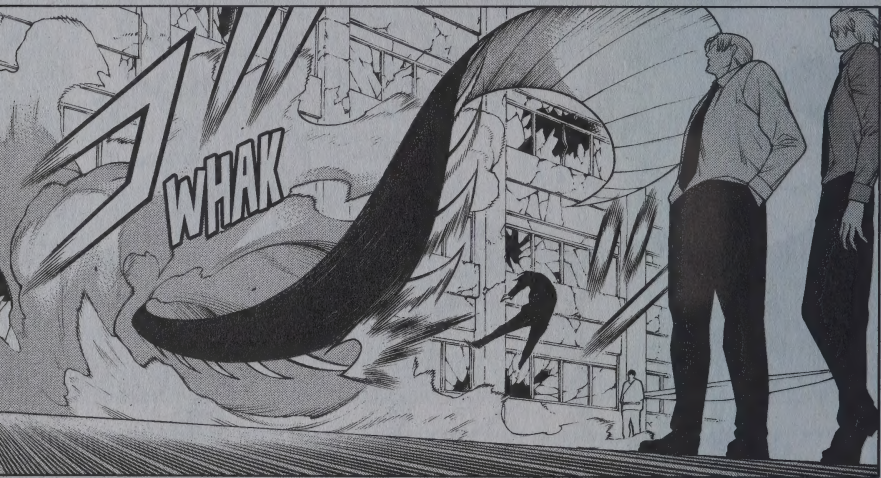
OR ARE
YOU THAT
HOPE-
LESSLY
INEPT?!

ARE
YOU
ALL--

KOKU-
TAN-
SAMA!

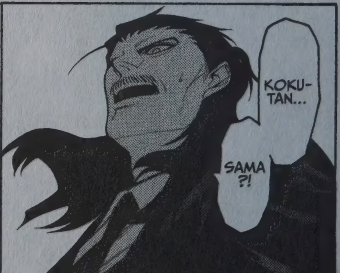
IT
AIN'T
OVER
YET.

THAT
SAID
...



YOU
USELESS
BUF-
FOONS!!

DIDN'T
I ORDER
YOU TO
ELIMINATE
THE
NAGATSUKI
DOWRY?!



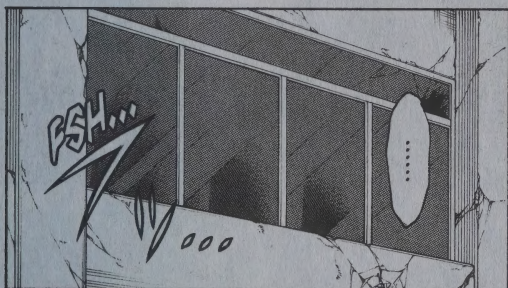
KOKU-
TAN...

SAMA
?!



GET BACK
IN YOUR
ROOMS AND
BEHAVE,
MORONS!!

SO STOP
ACTING
OUT OR
I'LL BEAT
YOU UP TILL
THERE'S
NOTHING
LEFT OF
YOU!!

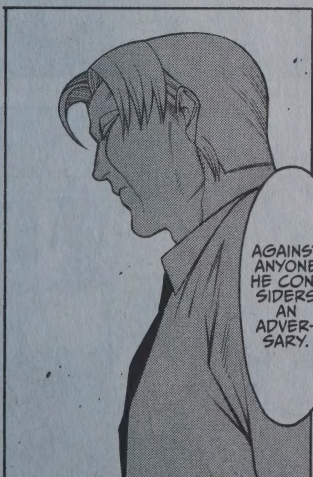


PSH...

...



!!



AGAINST
ANYONE
HE CON-
SIDERS
AN AD-
VERSARY.



HOW
TERRI-
FYING
HE CAN
BE...



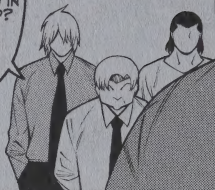
THE
TSUKU-
MOGAMI
HERE
KNOW
HIM ALL
TOO
WELL.



H-HE'S
GOT
THAT
MUCH
CLOUT?



GOT
SOME-
THING IN
MIND?



I SEE
THAT
MALICE
OF YOURS.



GRK...

!



KADO-
MORI!!

KADO-
MORI
TAIJU!!



IT'S
KADO-
MORI!

OUT
OF
PITY.

I
SENT
YOU
HERE
...

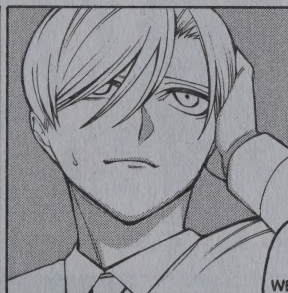
BUT
YOU'RE
CON-
FINED
FOR
YOUR
OWN
BENEFIT.

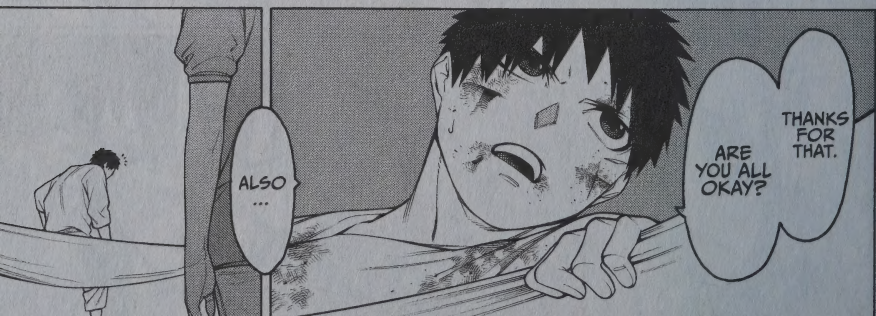
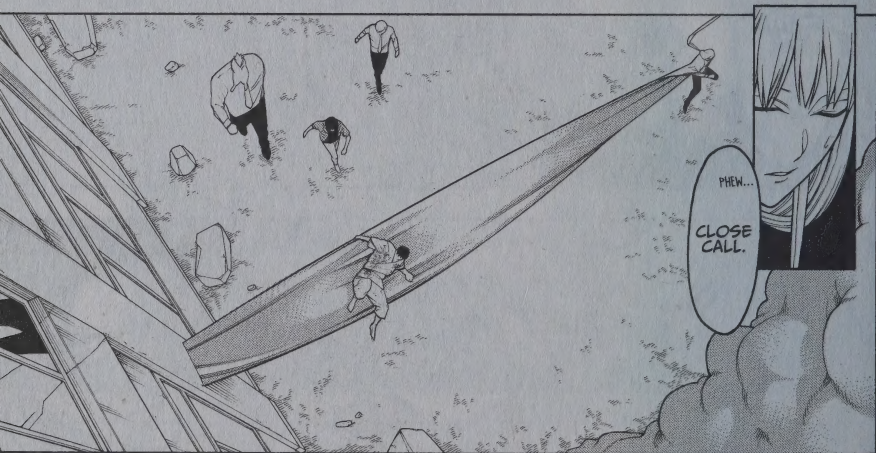
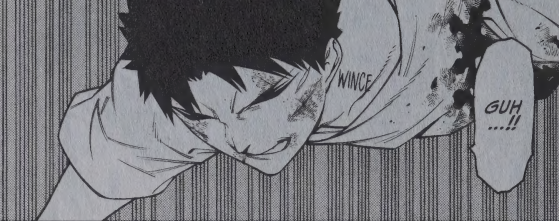
YOU
COULD'VE
EASILY
BEEN
SEALED
AWAY...

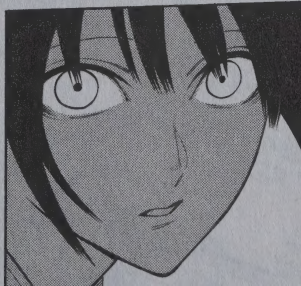
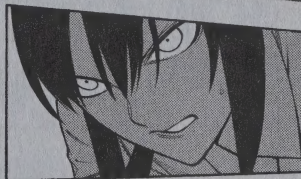
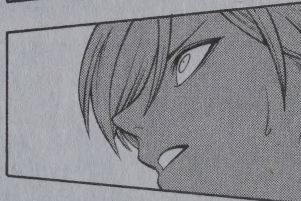
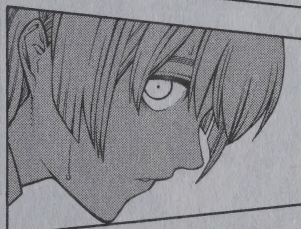
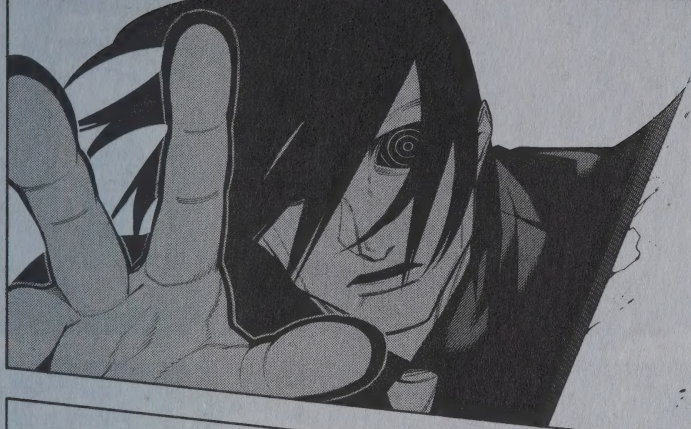


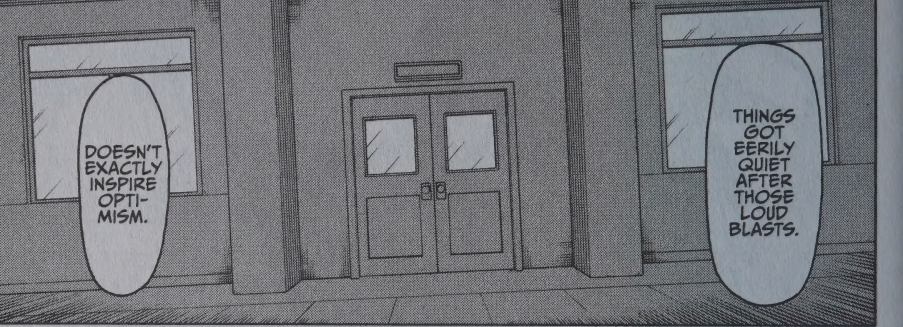
OBLIV-
IOUS,
EVERY
LAST
ONE OF
YOU.

GOOD
GRIEF,
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU
TSUKU-
MOGAMI.



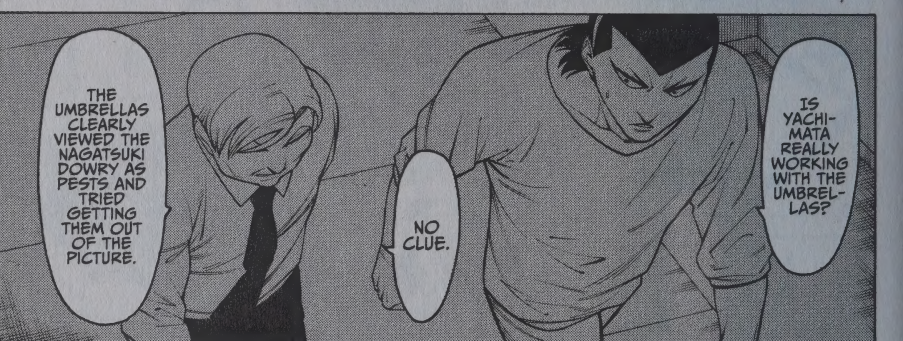






DOESN'T
EXACTLY
INSPIRE
OPTI-
MISM.

THINGS
GOT
EERILY
QUIET
AFTER
THOSE
LOUD
BLASTS.



THE
UMBRELLAS
CLEARLY
VIEWED
THE
NAGATSUKI
DOWRY AS
PESTS AND
TRIED
GETTING
THEM OUT
OF THE
PICTURE.

NO
CLUE.

IS
YACHI-
MATA
REALLY
WORKING
WITH THE
UMBREL-
LAS?



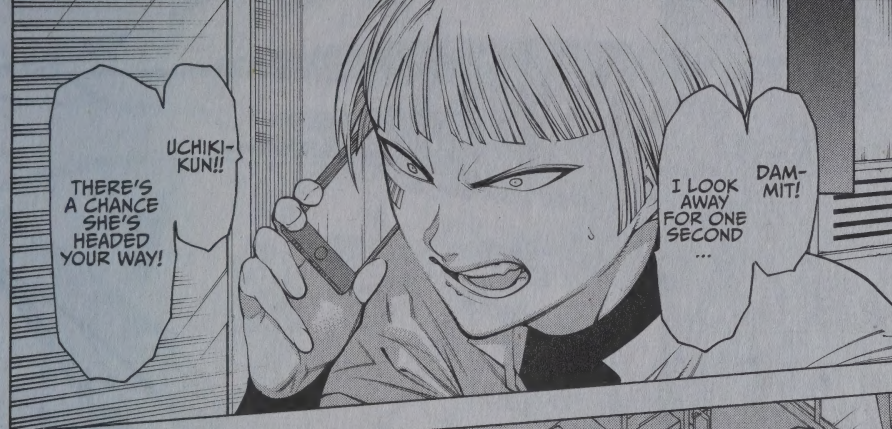
THEN
EVERY-
THING
HE'S
DONE
RUNS
AFOUL
OF--

AND
REPRE-
SENTATIVE
YACHIMATA
WAS THE
MASTER-
MIND...

BUT IF
HYOMA-
KUN
WAS
RIGHT...



!!



THERE'S
A CHANCE
SHE'S
HEADED
YOUR WAY!

UCHIKI-
KUN!!

I LOOK
AWAY
FOR ONE
SECOND
...

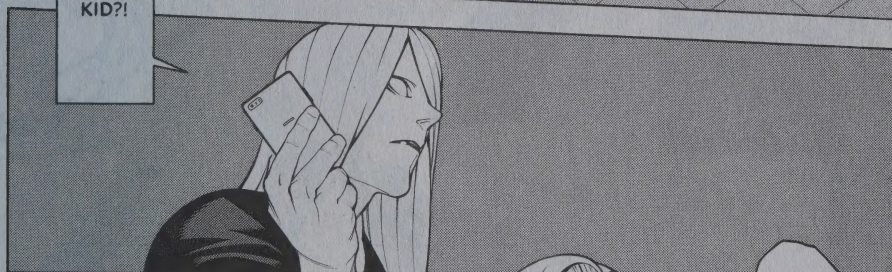
DAM-
MIT!



AND SHE
BOLTED!

I WAS
JUST
SPECU-
LATING
ABOUT
STUFF
AROUND
HER...

WHY'S
EVERY-
ONE
GOTTA
BE LIKE
THAT
KUNATO
KID?!



I'LL
LEAVE
YOU
ALL TO
FINISH
THE
BAR-
RIER.

MATSU,
UME--
WITH
ME!!

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RIGHTEOUS-
NESS



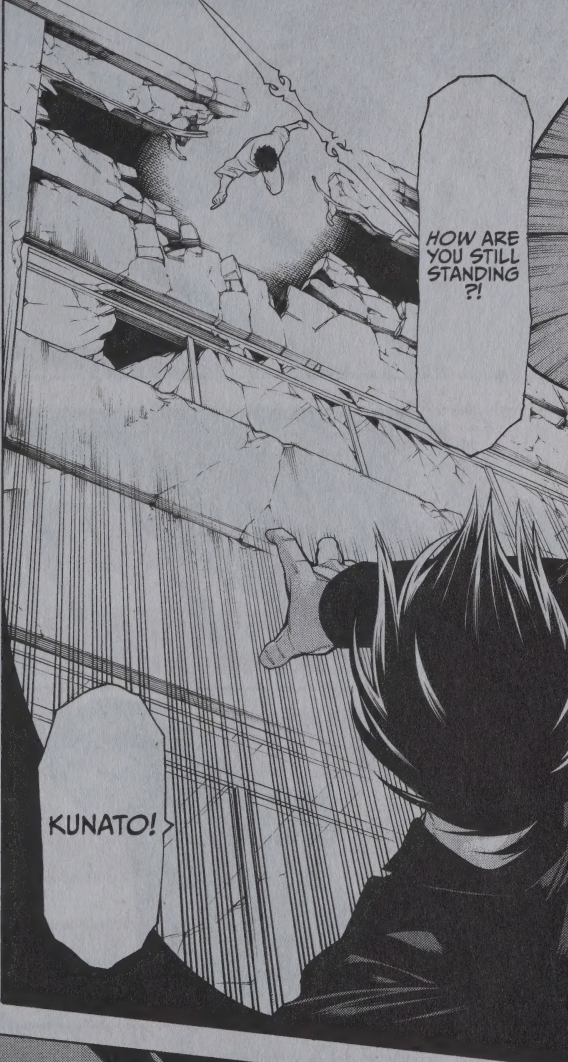




MY SOUL
WILL DRIVE
IT TO ACTION.

NO MATTER
WHAT STATE
MY BODY'S
IN...

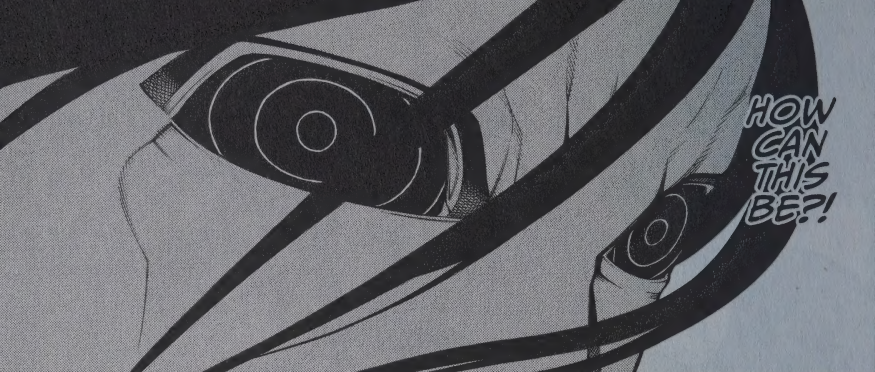
THIS...



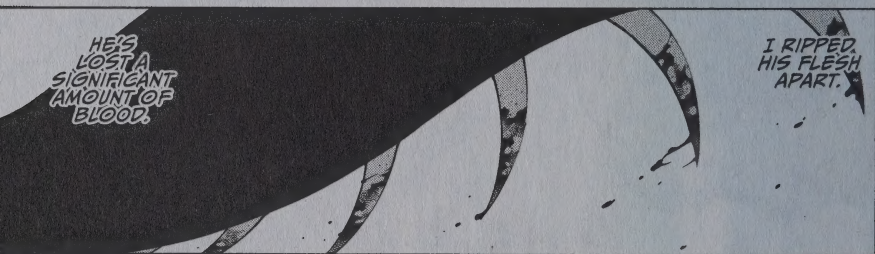
HOW ARE
YOU STILL
STANDING
?!

KUNATO! >

IS MY
SPIRIT!



HOW
CAN
THIS
BE?!



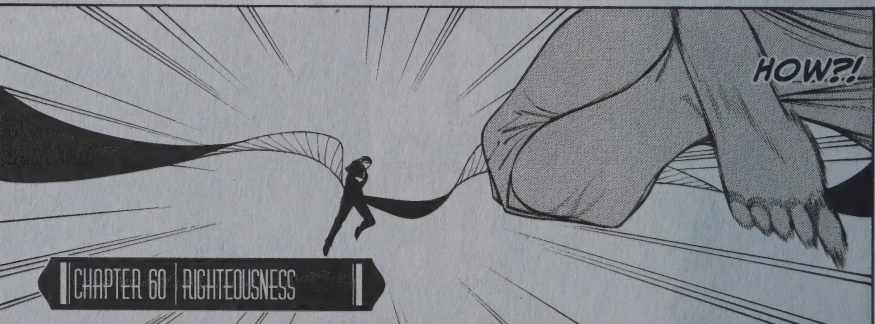
HE'S
LOST A
SIGNIFICANT
AMOUNT OF
BLOOD.

I RIPPED
HIS FLESH
APART.



THIS IS
MADNESS!

THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE!



HOW?!

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